THE WEATHER.

Fair Friday; Saturday partly cloudy, probably rain.

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GREECE IS UNEASY OVER AN INVASION SOON BY GERMANS

Reports in Paris Say the Austrians Already Are Marching on Saloniki.

AWAIT ALLIES' OFFENSE?

Hartsman Weilerkopf Retaken by Germans, Together With 1,500 Prisoners.

London, Dec. 23.—Hartsman Weilerkopf, the summit of which the Germans claim to have retaken, together with tionals yesterday offered me $5,000 for of first-class activity on the Western front, while on the eastern fighting lines there has been little evidence of any disturbance in the Christmas lull in the past 24 hours. There have been some clashes in Galicia with minor successes on both sides, and the Russian forces in Persia are fighting 25 miles from Teheran.

But the Balkan theatre maintains a place of first importance in the war news, despite the fact that there has been no severe fighting for several days.

The Greek public's uneasiness over the possibility of an early extension of Germanic operations to Greek territory increases hourly and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that parliament as soon as it meets will declare martial law in order to muzzle the opposition press which has been mercilessly attacking the government.

A Reuter dispaten from Athens says that Germany is reported to have informed Greece that she hopes to reach Saloniki by January 15, promising at the same time to evacuate Greek territory as soon as the task is finished.

Austrians March on Saloniki.

Greek correspondents of the Paris newspapers declare that the Teutonic Allies have decided that Austria shall have the initiative in all the offensive movements in the Balkans, and reports also are published in Paris that the Austrians are actually marching on Saloniki.

The British correspondence at Saloniki scoff at the reports of an early Germanic offensive, however, declaring their conviction that the lull is likely to persist for some time longer. The Saloniki correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company says that military men there believe the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians will establish a screen parallel to the Greek border taking up strong positions in the Macedonia defiles there to await an offensive movement by the Entente Powers.

Geneva dispatches speak convincingly of German preparations for an attack on the Suez canal which is now timed for the end of January but the British press continues t odeclare that the defensive preparations would make any attack on that territory folly. The Turkish official communication today refers to "the northern front" this being the first reference of the kind.

Preparations in the East.

From Russia come reports that the Germans and Russians alike are making energetic preparations for new operations early in the new year. The Russian military organ the Russky Invalid says:

"The winter campaign on the Russian front will not be confined to a war of position. Important events are likely very soon. The Russians and Germans know that the great war will be decided on the Russian front for no successes elsewhere can have a preponderating effect until a result has been obtained here."

INDIA REVOLUTION GROWS.

British Unable to Suppress It, According to German Report.

Berlin, Dec. 23. — (Via wireless to Tuckerton) — The Hamburger Fremdenblatt today prints a Constantinople dispatch, which says:

"The revolutionary movement in India lately has assumed large dimensions. The British authorities have been unable to suppross it, despite most energetic measures. Great bitterness prevails among the native troops, battalion after battalion deserting and joining the insurgents. Native troops, which were ordered to attack the insurgents, mutinied and attacked the British."

BRITISH LOSSES 112,921

Total Casualties at the Dardanelles Up to December 11.

London, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 11 was 112,-921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,279. In addition to the total of casualties the number of sick admitted to hospitals was 96,-683.

NOTE REACHES VIENNA

Second American Communication Has Made Good Impression.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The State Dedepartment received today from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna a brief dispatch announcing the receipt there of the Ancona note at 6 p. m. Tuesday.

Vienna, (via London), Dec. 23.—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here. An early answer may be expected. Work on it has been begun already.

GENERAL VILLA TO MAKE NEW ATTACK

Preparing for an Invasion of Northern Sinaloa.

JOINED BY RODRIGUEZ

Two Americans, an Englishman and German Said to be Held Prisoners on Ranch Near Madera Under Orders of Villa.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—General Francisco Villa, stripped of a large part of his army through surrender to the de facto government, is preparing to invade Northern Sinaloa together with the forces of General Jose Rodriguez in command of 2,000 troops, according to advices here late today. General Villa, it was reported, was preparing to move southwest from the Bustillos ranch, in western Chihuahua and pick up a few troops now under General Medinovieta near Madera. General Rodriguez is said to be already moving from Casas Grandes toward Sinaloa.

The information was received here through messages to Villa from some of his remaining generals, intercepted by a lineman repairing wires between Chihuahua and Juarez.

Two employes of the Hearst ranch near Madera, where General Medinaveita is quartered, arrived here today and reported four others, two Americans, one Englishman and a German subject were held prisoners by orders of Villa. Valuables on the ranch had been stolen and the town of Madera sacked, they said. General Manuel Ochoa, with his staff today retired to the American side. Ochoa, it is said, feared reprisal because of his imprisonment in Juarez of Governor Fidelavila and General Victoriano Avila, before he accepted surrender to the de facto government. Col. Flaviano Palizs, a former Villa general, has been placed in temporary command at Juarez. General Alvaro Obregon, chief of the Carranza forces, who arrived last night, today established headquarters here. It was said he was awaiting the arrival, expected tomorrow, of a Carranza force before entering Juarez. General Yzabelrobles, a trusted friend of Obregon, is expected to take charge at Juarez tomorrow.

RIOT IN JUAREZ.

Americans Ordered to Cross to American Side—Later Quelled.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—All Americans were ordered out of Juarez at 8:30 this evening. They were ordered to remain on the American side by General Pershing at the same time. Tramway traffic was discontinued. A mob was reported to have surrounded the government financial agency at Juarez demanding money.

Later in the evening an official of the de facto government at Juarez telephoned that the situation was under control. He said there had been trouble with the soldiers over wage payments, but that this matter had been settled satisfactorily.

TWO NORTH CAROLINIANS AT THE WAR FRONT IN FRANCE

One Hundred American Ambulance Drivers to Enjoy Christmas.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Robert Gooch, of Charlottesville, Va., and J. Lies Glenn, of North Carolina, are among the 13 Rhodes Scholars from Oxford University who have arrived to replace volunteer American ambulance drivers at the front.

After a year of ambulance work J. McConnel, of North Carolina, has joined the Franco-American aviation corps. He has been decorated with the war cross.

One hundred American drivers will have their first Christmas at the front. Turkey, cranberry sauce and plum pudding for each, provided by James H. Hyde, was sent today from Paris.

POLAND THE SCENE OF HUNGER AND PRIVATION

Over Four Million Dependent Upon Soup Kitchens.

William H. Hamilton, of American Relief Committee, Says Their Allowance Daily is Small Loaf of Bread and Pint of Soup.

New York, Dec. 23.—More than four million of the population of Poland are destitute and entirely dependent upon soup kitchens where there is issued to each applicant a small loaf of bread and a pint of soup daily, according to William H. Hamilton, of the American Mercy and Relief committee, who reached New York today on the steamship Rotterdam. Mr. Hamilton added that he had traveled from Alexanretta to Warsaw and in the entire country evacuated by the Russians there was hardly an inhabitable building standing.

"I was in Warsaw two weeks ago," said Mr. Hamilton. "The temperature was below zero and I saw every day long lines of old men, women and children, many of them without adequate clothing, standing for hours in the cold wind waiting turns at the food distributing centers. In Warsaw alone it is estimated that 75,000 people are destitute and unless relief reaches them

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IS ROAD RETURNING TO UNITED STATES?

Report Says He Has Secretly Left Expedition.

ADVISED BY PHYSICIAN

Dispatch from Christiania Says He Expected to Sail Last Night—Remainder of Peace Party Proceeds to Stockholm.

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the National Tidende from Christiania says that Henry Ford left Christiania secretly for Bergen where he expected tonight to go aboard the Norwegian-American Line steamer Bergenhus in order to return to the United States. The dispatch reports that the reason for Mr. Ford's sudden departure was said to be that his doctor had ordered him to rest his tired and overworked nerves.

The remainder of the expedition, ignorant of Mr. Ford's departure, left for Stockholm today, the dispatch says.

CABLEGRAM TO MISS ADDAMS.

Peace Party is Unshaken in Its Mission, Mr. Ford Says.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Reported dissension among members of the Ford peace party was denied in a cablegram received from Mr. Ford by Miss Jane Addams at Hull House today. It was dated Christiania, Norway, December 21, and read as follows:

"All press rumors about dissension on board unfounded. Only a few journalists tried to make separate stories for their papers by inventing everything through vivid imagination. Hope your faith in the success of our mission is as unshaken as ours. Norwegian people are splendid. Hope to see you join our party. "Respectfully,

"HENRY FORD."

SEEKING ENFRANCHISEMENT.

Manitoba Women Present Petition Containing 39,534 Names.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—A petition asking for the enfranchisement of Manitoba women and signed by 39,534 women of the province, was presented to Premier Norris today by a deputation from the Political Equality League.

NO MYSTERY TO TRIP.

Colonel House to be in Europe Six Weeks or Two Months.

New York, Dec. 23. — Colonel E. M. House, who plans to leave New York on December 28th, on an European mission for President Wilson, said today that he probably should remain away six weeks or two months.

"There is no mystery about my trip," he said, "although I did not expect the news to leak out as soon as it did. I have already stated my object in going abroad, and that is all I can say."

NINE KILLED IN WRECK ON N. C. & ST. L. RAILROAD

Nashvill, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Engineer Irby Reed of Nashville, and eight negro laborers were killed, and Fireman Harmon Lear, of Nashville, received fatal injuries in a head-on collision between a freight and a passenger train on the N. C. & St. L. railroad today. Twenty other laborers were less seriously injured. The accident occurred between Sherwood and Rockledge in a deep cut. The passenger train was loaded with laborers.

AMERICAN SECURITIES BEING BROUGHT HOME

$1,500,000,000 Foreign Owned in 16 Months.

In Addition to Domestic Securities, the Anglo-French War Loan Has Been Absorbed, Bringing Total to $2,000,000,000.

New York, Dec. 23.—Approximately $1,500,000,000 (par value) of American securities, which were foreign-owned when the European war broke out, have been absorbed in the United States during the past sixteen months, financial experts estimated today.

The Delaware & Hudson Company announced today that statistics furnished by the 141 principal railroads of the United States showed that $480,-892,155 (par value) of American railroad securities of all forms were transferred from foreign to American owners between February 1 and July 31, 1915. In addition to this amount the companies estimated that between $55,-000,000 and $75,000,000 was bought by Americans from foreigners during the same period but had not been actually transferred when the figures were compiled.

Experts pointed out that not only had Americans bought back an enormous volume of domestic securities, but that the recent $500,000,000 Anglo-

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SAYS ALLIES ARE FIGHTING AS UNIT

Lord Cecil Denies Rumors That There is Dissension

CABINET ALSO UNITED

Walter Runciman Declares in House of Commons That "So Far as Commerce is Concerned Germany is Beaten Nation."

London, Dec. 23.—The most important speeches at the closing session of the House of Commons, before the house adjourned tonight for the Christmas recess, were made by Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary for foreign affairs; Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty.

Lord Robert Cecil's speech was in the nature of a general defense of the foreign office. He denied rumors of dissension in the cabinet, of dissensions among the Allies, and of pro-German influence in the foreign office. He announced that the foreign office would shortly issue a white paper stating the principles on which the British blockade of Germany is based.

"Until the resolution of one or more members of the cabinet," he said, "every one is bound to accept the view that it is united on the main lines of its policy. As to the unity of the Allies, they have carried on the war in a war, which, if one considers history, is a really unexampled performance of unity.

"Suggestions have recently been made in various forms that some one in the foreign office is in the pay of Germany, or at least is pro-German. This is a grotesque and serious charge. It shows that there are some people who are unable to stand the strain of war and become mere hysterical neurotics. When things are not going right for the moment such people think the proper course is to turn on the men who are trying to serve their country and shout 'Traitor! Traitor!' This is a disgraceful, un-British state of things. It is utterly destructive of the morale of the country and it is the duty of every patriotic man to stamp on these people.

"I assure the House that everything that could be legitimately done to prevent goods going into Germany has been done. One of the members of the House of Commons has said that the only way effectively to blockade Germany is to go to war with the neutral countries surrounding Germany. I want to say most frankly that this is not the policy of the government.

"The great difficulty in a blockade is to discriminate between goods with an enemy destination and those genuinely for consumption in neutral countries.

"As to our Balkan policy the aim throughout has been to produce in those unhappy countries unity instead of discort. The suggestion that the foreign office rejected an alliance with or the assistance of Greece is absolutely without foundation."

Mr. Runciman spoke of the steps the board of trade was taking to prepare for commercial conditions after the war, beginning with the declaration: "So far as commerce is concerned Germany is a beaten nation, it is for us to see that it does not recover."

Mr. Balfour, replying to various speakers who had complained of the shortage of ships for the mercantile purposes, said that the whole possibility of carrying on the war rested on the British navy and its mercantile fleet. He was willing to confess that there probably had been some waste of tonnage but the first business of the admiralty was not to save tonnage but to win battles.

"We cannot expect to carry on a war with the same economy that we manage the port of Liverpool or Hull," said the first lord.

The main thing has been to see that every warship was ready to fight wherever required and that every soldier was supplied with all necessary to make him the best fighting unit.

He urged that the wisest remedy for the shortage of tonnage was to go on with the building of merchant ships, which he thought should be recognized as war work second only to the manufacture of munitions.

NO PAPER CHRISTMAS.

In order that employes of The Morning Star may, in common with the rest of the world, enjoy one day's surcease from their labors on the joyous Christmas of 1915, no paper will be issued tomorrow (Christmas) morning, unless some big news development should require an issue of the paper. The "force" will keep its eye on the situation locally and will be in touch constantly with the great Associated Press nerve center in Washington, so that if news of importance develops, our subscribers may expect the paper as usual and the bulletin board in front of the office will be utilized fully. The paper will appeal as usual Sunday morning and our advertisers and others who may have copy intended for that issue are asked to let us have the same as early as possible today in order that it may have proper attention.

The Star wishes each and everyone of its friends and readers a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

LACK OF FUNDS IS SERIOUS HANDICAP

Hampers Improvement of Machinery of Navy's Ships.

MUCH IS LEFT UNDONE

Chief Engineer Griffin, in His Report, Says Modernization Has Been Almost Impossible—Progress on Radio Plants.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Improvement of the machinery of the navy's ships has been seriously handicapped during the last year by lack of funds, according to annual report of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, made public tonight.

"The progressive reduction in appropriations for maintenance, coincident with an increase in the size of the fleet and of the horse-power of their machinery," writes Rear Admiral R. S. Griffin, engineer in chief, "has made it almost impossible to do anything more than to keep the present equipment in satisfactory condition. Improvement has rarely been possible even where the necessity was clearly indicated."

The report points out that the European war had greatly increased the cost of material. Deliveries also have been delayed and the report urges a big increase in stock in store to prevent similar delays in future.

Discussing the huge task in connection with the proposed building programme for the next five years, Admiral Griffin says:

"Attention is especially invited to the fact that work on the design of machinery, especially where a number of different types of vessels is included in the building programme, is seriously hampered by the limitation placed by Congress on the employment of technical employes in the bureau. Much that it is desirable to do is left undone by the inadequate force of employes. A similar condition exists in the machinery division of navy yards."

Of the naval radio plants, the report says, the new high powered station at Darien, Canal Zone, the first to be completed of the chain of stations authorized by the last Congress, has far exceeded expectations and "assures the success of the entire undertaking."

Progress is being made with the building of the San Diego, Pearl Harbor and Cavite links of the chain and contracts have been awarded for the Tutuila and Guam stations.

MIDDLE WESTERN ROADS GRANTED RATE INCREASES

Commerce Commission Considering Still Other Petitions.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Railroads operating between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers and the Rocky Mountains were granted increases in freight rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission today on many commodities including agricultural implements, canned goods and boots and shoes. No estimate of the additional revenue the roads will derive from the advances is contained in the commission's report but it will mount into the hundreds o fthousands annually, despite the fact that numerous increases sought were denied.

Although there still is pending before the commission proposed increased on a few other commodities, the general campaign of the western roads to obtain higher rates on the more important commodities virtually is at an end.

New York, Dec. 23.—The joint distribution committee of the organizations raising a fund of $5,000,000 for Jewish war sufferers in Europe, decided at a meeting here today to cable to various war stricken sections more than $500,000, nearly all the cash on hand.

MR. WILSON MINGLES HIS WORK WITH PLAY

Receives Communication from Secretary Lansing.

Dictates Replies to Various Letters —He and Mrs. Wilson Play Game of Golf With Secret Service Men as Caddies.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 23.—President Wilson today received a communication from Secretary Lansing relative to foreign affairs. It is understood that the letter told of recent conversations the Secretary of State has had with Baron Zwiedinek, the 'charge d'affaires of the Austrian embassy at Washington, regarding the demands of the United States growing out of the sinking of the Ancona. No intimation as to the details of Mr. Lansing's advices could be obtained.

The President spent some time today at work with his stenographer. He read Mr. Lansing's letter and inclosures and dictated replies to various letters forwarded here from the White House.

There is no present plan to have Col. E. M. House come here for a conference before leaving for Europe as a special diplomatic representative to discuss important questions with Amer-

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SUPPORTS GENERAL BOARD PROGRAMME

Wise Wood Wants Navy Equal to the Strongest.

QUITS ADVISORY BOARD

Full Text of Navy General Board's Programme May be Made Public Before Congress Begins Hearings on Navy Plans.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The full text of the report of the navy general board urging that the United States navy be placed on an equality with the strongest afloat by 1915 probably will be made public by Secretary Daniels before congressional hearings begin on the adminstration's navy plans.

Mr. Daniels said tonight he was given the matter serious thought as a result of statements made by various members of Congress that they would seek its publication and also because this report was mentioned in the letter of resignation received today from Henry A. Wise Wood, of New York, severing his connection with the recently organized civilian advisory board. Mr. Wood said he resigned to be free to advocate substituting the general board's policy for what he described as the wholly inadequate five-year, $500,000,000 new construction programme, recommended to Congress by the administration. Secretary Daniels will acknewledge Mr. Wood's resignation and ask the American Society of Aeronautical Engineers, which selected him for membership on the Advisory Board, to name his successor.

The general board report, referred to by Mr. Wood, was made last July in response to an oral order of the Secretary that the board "express its opinion at the earliest possibite date, as to a policy which should govern the development of the navy and a building programme."

Reach Limit by 1925.

In a subsequent report already made public, prepared in a reply to a request that it formulate a continuing five-year building programme, during which time $500,000,000 was to be expended for new ships, the board summarized the policy previously presented as follows:

"The navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful mainfained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradually increased to this point, by such a rate of development, year by year, as may be permitted by the facilities of the country, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925."

Publication of this report in full is the matter Secretary Daniels now is considering. He said today he had determined to present it to the committees of Congress when the hearings began.

The general board's policy apparently contemplates a two power standard for the American navy in declaring it should equal the "most powerful maintained by any other nation in the world," not later than 1925. The British navy, now far in advance of that of any other power in strength, is maintained upon a policy that it shall at all times equal the navies of any two other powers, although tacitly, at least, the American navy has been excluded from that calculation in the past.

Half Billion First Year.

While navy officials are unwilling to discuss the board's statement of policy in advance of its publication, it is indicated that the possibility that the United States might be called upon to meet enemies in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans simultaneously was considered in reaching a conclusion. The first year's building alone, under the programme, it is reported, would equal the entire five-year administration

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JAPANESE LINER WAS NOT GIVEN WARNING

All Aboard Escaped When the Vessel Was Torpedoed.

One American Was Numbered Among the Passengers—Picked Up by French Gunboat—Tokio Greatly Excited.

London, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean Tuesday by a submarine while the steamer was on her way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said, from the owners' agents. All of those aboard the ship including one American passenger W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine was not mentioned. Previous reports referred to the sinking of the ship as done by either an Austrian or a German submersible.

The Yasaka Maru was sunk Tuesday afternoon. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said Wednesday morning. The company provided hotel accommodations for

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TWO INDICTED FOR PLOTTING TO BLOW UP WELLAND CANAL

Koenig and Lyendecker Released on Bonds Given by Hamburg-American Line.

JUSTICE ALSO INDICTED

Acted as Agent to Gain Military Information in United States for Germany.

New York, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American Line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, an antique dealer, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland Canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American Line watchman, also was indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiracy to secure military information for tht German government.

Koenig, Leyendecker and Justice were held in bonds of $50,000, $30,000 and $20,000 respectively, when they pleaded not guilty at their arraignment before Federal Judge Mayer in the day. The bail was furnished by the Hamburg-American Line through a surety company, and the prisoners were released.

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with conspiring to "set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the dominion of Canada."

The indictments set forth that a part of this alleged conspiracy was to destroy with dynamite, or other means, the Welland canal leading from Port Colberne, on Lake Erie, to port Dalhouse, on Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal the indictments allege Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

The military force which the indictments charge Koenig and Leyendecker planned to send from this country was also intended to destroy "various plants and properties in Canada, other than the Welland canal."

Koenig and Justice are charged in the indictments with having conspired in the United States to secure for the German government information regarding the character and quantity of munitions and other war materials being sent from Canada to Great Britain.

In this connection, it is charged that Justice made trips to Portland, Maine, Burlington, Vermont, and Quebec, Canada, during September, 1914, and that all of these trips were a part of the conspiracy to secure military information for the German government. Koenig in his various activities is alleged to have been known under the aliases of Wagner Wegenkamp, Kelly, Winter and Perkins, while Leyendecker was known as Z. D. Decker and R. Decker. The indictments which were drawn by assistant United States attorneys, Roger Wood and Benjamin A. [illegible]ows, charge that on several of his trips, Justice was accompanied by Frederick Metzler, Koenig's stenographer, who was recently arrested, and appeared before the Federal Grand jury which returned the indictments today.

The maximum penalty for the charges is three yaers' imprisonment and $3,000 fine.

TO REOPEN CONSULATES.

American Officials May Soon be Returned to Northern Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 23. — Unless unexpected developments interfere all American consular officers withdrawn from territory in Northern Mexico controlled by Villa, upon the recognition of the Carranza government, soon will resume their stations. Surrender of Villa's army in Chihuahua and the successful operations of Carranza forces in other sections have about satisfied State Department officials that the consulates can be opened with safety.

Vice-Consul Coen reported to the department today that he had arrived at Durango and reopened the consulate. Most of the other officers will return to their posts as quickly as practicable, although so far Marion Letcher, consul general at Chihuahua, still is in El Paso, awaiting instructions.

LA GRIPPE CLAIMING MANY LIVES IN PENNSYLVANIA

In Philadelphia Alone 15,000 Persons Are Said to be Affected.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23. — The death rate from the epidemic of la grippe now sweeping the State has been so high that Samuel G. Dixon, State health commissioner, issued a statement at Harrisburg tonight, calling attention to the seriousness of the situation and cautioned the public that if the disease is to be avoided "sacrifices must be made."

"Keep out of crowded places," Dr. Dixon says, "as one person having the grippe may give it to a carload of passengers."

In this city the bureau of vital statistics issued 650 burial permits during the first three days of this week, the majority of the deaths being due directly or indirectly to la grippe. This is more than double the ordinary death rate. It is estimated that nearly 15,000 persons in Philadelphia alone are suffering with the disease, which has been particularly fatal to the very old and the very young.

WILSON COUNTY POSSE IS HUNTING BILL GAY

Fayte Langley, Respected Farmer, is Assassinated.

Shot Dead as He Went Out to Feed Stock in Early Morning—Wife and Six Children Survive Murdered Man.

(Special Star Selegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 23.—Fayte Langley, a respected farmer residing six miles from Wilson, was found foully murdered this morning, being shot down as he went to his barn to feed the stock. The assassin used a shotgun and the entire load struck Mr. Langley, killing him instantly. Bill Gay is suspected as being the murderer and officers are searching for him.

Until a month ago Gay worked for Mr. Langley and about that time had some trouble at the Langley home, and when ordered from the house made threats against Mr. Langley. Mr. Golden Walston, of Wilson, father of Mrs. Langley, settled the trouble and paid Gay to leave the Langley farm.

Two weeks ago Gay was seen hiding behind a tree near the Langley home with a shotgun and when Mr. Langley approached Gay pointed the gun at him and said, "Lookout, here she goes." Langley jumped at Gay, took the gun from him and the load was fired in the scuffle, but neither was hurt. Later Mr. Langley applied for a peace warrant against Gay but he could not be found.

Sheriff Rowe learned this afternoon that Gay was hiding on the S. B. Woodard plantation and a posse is searching the woods for him.

Mr. Langley leaves a wife and six children. He was 40 years old and one of the hard working, progressive farmers of this section. The Langley family was to move Friday to the Walston farm close to Wilson.

Gay is a brother of George Gay, who killed a farmer of this county ten years ago and was acquitted on the ground of insanity. Bivy Gay is said to be of weak intellect, but of an ugly disposition.

The shooting causes deep feeling in the section where Langley lived, and the farmers are aiding the officers in seeking Gay.

TWO TO FARM FOR RETAILING.

"Sinkey Joe" is Discharged—Maggie Bentley and Mollie Spicer Convicted.

Maggie Bentley, white, was sentenced yesterday to four months on the county farm for retailing liquor. She was convicted in two different cases and given two months in each case. Going with her is Mollie Spicer, colored, who was found guilty of retailing liquor in one case. Her sentence is for three months. Dora Crawford, colored, paid costs for disorderly conduct, she having taken in too much of the Christmas spirit a few days ago.

"Sinkey Joe" Smith, colored, was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, and the same verdict was found in the charge for carrying a concealed weapon.

To Drive Out Malaria and Build Up the System.

Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. 50c.

TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE AT DELGADO TONIGHT.

Interesting Programme to be Given by Baptist Sunday School.

The Delgado Baptist Sunday school, of which Mr. L. W. Moore is the popular superintendent, will have its Christmas tree tonight beginning at 8 o'clock. An interesting programme has been prepared and a most enjoyable occasion is promised for the large number who will attend.

Following is the programme which has been arranged:

Song by the school.
Prayer by Rev. W. Marshall Craig.
Duet by Mrs. W. T. Mercer and Miss Jessie Mercer.
Address of Welcome by Master Lloyd William Moore, Jr.
Christmas Bells by little Misses Eleanor Skipper, Lillie Allen, Louise Justice, Melba Johnson, Kiva Jarrell, Lessie Webb, Rosalie Justice and Pearl Walker.
Recitation—"Why I Like Christmas" by Eleanor Skipper.
Recitation—"Angel Dolly" Miss Ruth Allen.
Recitation—"Little Girl That Santa Claus Forgot," Miss Violet Mayhan.
Song—"Away in a Manger," by the little folks.
Recitation—"Santa Claus' Assistant," little Miss Lillie Allen.
Recitation—"Getting Ahead of Santa Claus," Miss Lessie Webb.
Violin Solo—Mrs. C. L. Carter with Mrs. C. H. Crockett as accompanist.
Recitation—"Bring Thou the Priceless Treasures," Miss Alberta Johnson.
Recitation—"This Christmas Day," Miss Lila Webb.
"Holy City" cornet and piano—Mr. J. S. Canady and Mrs. W. T. Mercer.
Recitation—"Our Christmas Gifts," Miss Maggie Hester.
Recitation—"'Twas the Night Before Christmas," Miss Alma Hester.
Reading, Miss Ethel Holmes.
Song by the school.
Arrival of Santa Claus.
Miss Lucile Moore, pianist.

AGED FARMER FOUND DEAD.

Mr. William Walton Passed Away at Home Near Rock Hill Yesterday.

Mr. William Walton, who has lived alone on his farm near Rock Hill, in New Hanover county, was found dead at his home late yesterday afternoon by Mr. Harry Webb. It was not known that he had been ill and Mr. Webb happened to stop in for a visit and found Mr. Walton lying on the floor. Although there was no evidence or indication of foul play, Mr. Webb thought it best to notify Coroner A. S. Holden. Mr. Holden immediately got in touch with Deputy Sheriff Kelly and started to go out to make an examination, but after communicating with Mr. W. D. Rhodes over the telephone did not deem further investigation necessary.

Mr. Walton is survived by two sons, Mr. Robert Walton, of Newbern, and Mr. Charles Walton, who lives near Goldsboro. They had not been heard from last night and the funeral arrangements had not been made.

Mr. Walton was about 65 years old and had the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. His friends arranged to have an undertaker prepare the body for burial.

—Among the number of handsome New Year calendars which The Star has received, none is more handsome than that issued by Mr. C. H. Bornemann, the departmen store proprietor, Seventh and Orange streets. It is really a work of art and the recipient of one of them receives a most pleasing reminder of the near approach of 1916.

Christmas Tree Tuesday.

The Sunday school of Immanuel Presbyterian church will have its Christmas tree on next Tuesday night at the church. There will be an interesting programme in connection with the event. A most enjoyable time is anticipated.

MILITARY GUARD WITHDRAWN.

Smith Cases Disposed Of—J. L. Moore Alleged to Have Attempted Bribery.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 23.—The military guard of 15 men stationed here since Tuesday by order of Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young, as a precaution against threatened attempts to release from prison Bernice and Olden Smith, was withdrawn tonight, following disposition of the cases by Recorder Smith this afternoon, when sentences aggregating 42 months and fines totaling $1,000 were imposed.

The case of John L. Moore, who was arrested last night on a charge of attempting to bribe Captain Holland, in charge of the military guard, by offering him $50 to withdraw the guard from the prison, was also disposed of by the recorder. The hour suggested for the proposed withdrawal of the guard was 2 o'clock this morning. When arrested, Moore had an automatic pistol and 50 steel bullets. He was already under indictment for beating a negro several months ago, "almost to death," it is said. He was out under justified bond. He was given a road sentence of eight months by Recorder Smith this afternoon for carrying a concealed weapon and bound over to Superior court on the bribery charge. He will probably face Federal indictment.

Moore and Bernice Smith were committed to Harnett county jail at Lillington. All is quiet here tonight.

WORK COUNTS FOR NAUGHT.

Large Plate Glass Broken After It Had Been Unloaded from Car.

What is said to be the largest plate glass in the State was broken in two pieces yesterday after it had been unloaded from the flat car, on which it was shipped, to the sidewalk to be placed in the new Bear building on Princess street. The glass measured 18 feet in length and eight feet, ten inches across and weighed 750 pounds. The contract for installing it was given the Davis-Moore Paint Company.

An entire flat car was required to ship it to the city and it was so large and heavy that the insurance companies would not take the risk. The cost of the glass was several hundred dollars. Through the misunderstanding of signals by some of the colored helpers, it fell to the ground and was broken in two. A new one will be ordered.

TEAM TO TRAIN HERE

Pittsburgh Federals May Not Come to Wilmington But Another May.

The agreement between the Federal League and the National and American Leagues was of great interest to Wilmington fans because of the effect it may have on the prospects of securing a baseball team to train at Sunset Park next spring. The Pittsburgh Federals had already arranged to come to Wilmington but the settlement of the differences of the three Leagues may result in another team being secured.

Mr. C. E. Hooper, manager of the Orton, through whose efforts the Pittsburgh Federals were secured for Wilmington, stated yesterday that he was not sure that the Pittsburgh team would come to Wilmington but that some team would be secured. An effort will probably be made to secure the Baltimore team to train here.

MANY CRACKERS EXPLODED

When Small Boy Threw Lighted Match Into Fireworks Display.

Considerable excitement was caused late yesterday afternoon when a small boy threw a lighted match into a mass of fireworks on display in front of the Farris Bakery, No. 121 South Front street, and in less time than it takes to tell it, $200 worth of explosives had gone up in smoke and noise. A fire alarm was sent in from box 43 and the firemen were on the scene in short order. Mr. W. T. Farris, owner of the bakery, had his hands slightly burned in attempting to extinguish the flames.

Fortunately the fireworks were on the outside and the fire was confined to them. The popping of gigantic crackers could be heard for a considerable distance and some thought that a bombardment of some kind was in progress.

FUNERAL OF MR. LATTA.

Remains of Former Wilmington Citizen Brought Here from New York.

The remains of Mr. Adam G. Latta, a former Wilmingtonian, whose death occurred Tuesday morning in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he had been living for a number of years, arrived in Wilmington yesterday morning and the funeral was conducted from his late residence, No. 311 North Seventh street, yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The services were attended by a number of friends. Interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. John Cazaux, J. D. Kelly, W. E. Perdew, H. F. Wilder, Roger Moore and T. E. Sprunt.

A clamp has been patented for holding boards to rods or stakes driven into the ground.

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ESTABROOK, DARK HORSE, NOW LOOMS UP IN G. O. P. RACE

The spotlight of politics has shifted to a new figure. The man on whom it now rests is Henry D. Estabrook, of New York and Nebraska. The story of American possibilities, political observers are saying, is told in Estabrook. A year ago he was an "unknown." Today he is a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, a "dark horse," rapidly gaining speed.

Estabrook first attracted national attention when he stumped the Middle West for McKinley in 1896. Then he dropped out of sight for a time. He is now again in the public eye as a result of a series of brilliant speeches in which he has proclaimed the doctrine of "Protection, Preparedness and Prosperity." Business and commercial organizations in every section of the country have listened to this doctrine, liked it and called for more.

Advices received in Washington are to the effect that sentiment is growing for Estabrook. Already Estabrook headquarters have been established in Omaha, and his friends are confident that he will land the Nebraska delegation.

Tall, square-shouldered and square-jawed, this new political figure is a man about sixty years of age. He achieved prominence in the practice of law in Omaha, was later well known in Chicago legal circles and now is a leader of the New York bar.

This new figure, which promises to have an influential following at the next national Republican convention, is described as a plain American. His friends say if he has any fad it is in knowing America from its history to its institutions and even its animals and birds. He is an outdoor man, democratic, and a great student. While some of his friends have classified him as a progressive Republican, he says "I am a Republican without any qualifying adjectives."

Mr. Estabrook was the first among those recognized as Republican presidential candidates to outline a concrete program of national defense. He has declared himself for a navy as big as any in the world, a standing army of 150,000 to 200,000 with a reserve of ten times that number, military training for the youth of the land and the creation of a merchant marine. He did this before the American Bankers' Association, at Seattle. Immediately thereafter the bankers adopted a resolution endorsing his program.

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TWO DEATHS AT SOUTHPORT.

First Snow There in Two Years—Menhaden Fishing Ends.

Southport, N. C., Dec. 23.—The snow of last Monday night has about disappeared. It was the first in two years and for a few hours furnished amusement for the young, and a corresponding amount of discomfort to others. There was four inches here on the level, and some inches deeper were reported in the country.

Last Saturday night wound up the menhaden fishing in the lower Cape Fear. Christmas gets in the "bones" of fishermen as well as those on shore, and even the possibility of profits is no inducement to stay on board. The season has been exceptionally a money maker for the factories and crews alike.

Deaths in two families have brought sorrows, particularly as those departing were mothers, leaving children needing maternal care. Capt. Charles Swan, head keeper of the Cape Fear lighthouse, mourns with his little ones, a wife. And this week Mrs. St.George, wife of Mr. Frank St.George, passed away, leaving great sadness behind. Both have the sympathy of this community, and outside where they are known.

American electric fans of large size are to be used to drive mosquitoes from the palace of the Caliph of Bagdad.

Curses do not always land where they are send.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

If you would enjoy the birthday of our King, kindle a fire on the cold hearth of some life. —H. P. C.

Do the remainder of your Christmas shopping early today.

If we ever have a war we hope Colonel Roosevelt will be mobilized right up in front.

Those who have gotta do something between now and Christmas had better do about today.

These are the shortest days of the year, but, be jabbers, the days are not near so short as we are at this time o' year.

Each side in Europe expresses confidence of winning the victory. When people have hope they do not hesitate to call it confidence.

Some of those men who rustled the New Haven railroad may never be convicted, but no railroad in this country will give them a job on account of their experience.

Republicans who think they are loyal Americans are calling President Wilson nearly everything that Villa used to be when he used to get rich quick on other people's cattle.

A statistician says: "There is wheat enough in this country to give every family fifty barrels of flour." What some of us want to know is when are they gonna give us our fifty.

Colonel Roosevelt grieves about what was done to Belgium, but the trouble with Belgium is that she resisted instead of giving in like Colombia when the Colonel wanted Panama and "took" it.

We have been engaged in a war of words with all the European belligerents and we do not propose to give them any peace till they recognize the fact that we are fighting for the cause of humanity.

Those belligerents in Europe have learned how to fight, and yet we have only begun our preparedness by having a business men's military training camp, so the married men can be used as exemplars of discipline.

Uncle Joe said in the House the other day, when he was allowed five minutes to talk: "Mr. Chairman, in five minutes' time I can not undertake to exhaustively talk about this bill (the war tax bill), or the condition of the Treasury. In that five minutes' time, however, I desire to be entirely practical and entirely non-partisan." (Laughter). The House surely knows when it is time to laugh.

Rather than endorse a thing done by President Wilson, Colonel Roosevelt resents the good things done because he thinks he thought of them first himself. He ought to excuse President Wilson, because the President is the only man in a position to do what Colonel Roosevelt thinks he would do if he were President. Roosevelt has thought of a great many things he never thought of doing while he was President for two terms. He even berates President Wilson for drawing on Ezekiel for ideas which the Colonel is satisfied are exclusively Ezekiel's and his.

The Piedmont Dispatch is a new weekly paper which made its appearance at Rockingham last Saturday. The publishers are J. M. Smith editor and W. H. Covington manager. It is a neat eight-page paper and it promises to be "non-partisan in politics and will be run solely as a private enterprise." The editor is a Republican of the old days and served as sheriff of the county several terms. The editor announces that the paper "has no axe to grind and the highest ambition of the promoters is to publish a decent, high-tonned family newspaper." The publishers believe in Rockingham and Richmond county, and the first issue shows that it is a staunch supporter of their progress.

MARKETING ADVANTAGES.

The Raleigh chamber of commerce is inaugurating a plan by which it hopes to afford the farmers of Wake and adjoining counties better advantages for reaching consumers in the city. We understand that the plan is to get sellers and buyers together through the chamber of commerce. Sellers can list of their wants with the chamber, for sale, while consumers can file a lot of their wants with the chamber. That would entail an immense amount of work on the chamber and it would find itself transacting several hundred thousand dollars worth of business a year.

Why does not Raleigh try the Dutch market plan in vogue in the cities of Holland—something like which has been successfully tried out at Rock Hill, S. C.? The plan, in brief, is to have stated market places and one or two regular market days per week. On the market days, sellers congregate with whatever they have for sale and buyers go on the regular days and make purchases or leave their orders with the clerk in charge. However, when both sellers and buyers have a place to come together, their transactions are done right on the spot.

The bankers of Moultrie, Colquit county, Georgia, are co-operating with the farmers in a marketing plan designed to promote diversified agriculture as an offset to the cotton boll weevil. The Savannah News says the farmers of Colquit already have a market at Moultrie where they can readily sell their cattle, hogs, and farm produce, while a co-operative creamery is now under construction for the encouragement of dairying. Special provision is now being made by the Moultrie bankers to provide marketing advantages for corn, oats, peanuts, velvet beans and whatever else is to be grown in large quantities, in lieu of cotton. The farmers can raise large quantities of many things, but the question is a market for them, so the bankers are co-operating with them in settling that problem by carrying out a regular marketing plan which will get sellers and buyers together on the spot.

The marketing problem is one which deeply concerns both buyers and sellers.

A FALSE IDEA OF WAR.

Men may never get along without war. Neither is war a matter of choice for people. They may have to fight. They may be too proud to fight, but when somebody else starts the fight, a proud people will go to war in a minute to keep from undergoing the humiliation of taking a licking. War is a horrible thing and it is the worst possible disaster that could happen to humanity. It really may be impossible to avoid war, but war has never made "a better race," as has been asserted. Races may become better but if they stick to war they will retrograde, and, as a matter of fact, history is full of instances of the total disappearance of warlike races and warring nations. It is something else that makes a race better, even though it may now and then be compelled to have a war. The race is better in spite of war, yet a different philosophy seems to have been accepted by the Greensboro Record, which says:

"When the war is over, the men of Europe who are left will be much fewer in numbers but possibly two decades or so will witness the development of a stronger race. This has occurred in the past, furnishing an almost good argument for war. There are some people right around us who believe in war, its perennial necessity, and its value in the renaissance of art, industry and even manhood. This is a view which is regarded as absurd by those who are hoping for a permanent, universal peace. The theory may or may not be in keeping with eugenics. It would not seem on the surface that stronger men could be bred from the cripples of a great struggle, but it is noteworthy that this sometimes happens. The two years of the war will destroy 20,000,000 men in Europe, says one authority on estimates, but this person believes that from the ruins a finer civilization and a most virile population will arise. While the victories of peace are often 'no less renowned,' than those of war, it is also true that the dangers to the physical and mental qualities of the race are in about as grave danger of deterioration in time of peace as when the nation is engaged in a great struggle."

The truth about it is a race has to recover itself after war and if it is not able to do so it disappears from the face of the earth. Some countries, some families and some men never recover from war. Others survive, but sometimes it is not the fittest who survive. Whether we favor war or abhor it, the truth about war is that it brings about demoralization, corruption, destruction and desolation. The world knows it and that is the reason that civilization abhors war. Otherwise, if war makes races better, war would be the best thing they could engage in. It is peace that makes races and enables progress and it is war which halts it or destroys it.

Modern military records show that degeneracy of a people follows war. For three or four generations the effect is noticed on the offspring of soldiers who have gone through hardships and come out of war unfit to be fathers. The United States war records show that in North Carolina and other Southern states which bore the ravages of the Civil War, the lowest percentages for the military availability of men prevails. For instance, the percentage of men who would pass a physical examination for the army is lower than normal. Why? It has been accounted for by recognizing the fact that our young men are the descendants of ancestors made unfit by war. That is not so in all cases, but it is so to such a large extent that the number of fighting men per thousand men in the South is remarkably small. The Civil War is blamed for it, but possibly that may not be true. Something else may be to blame, however, but, if so, what is it? Investigators are satisfied the cause is war.

People who remember our Civil War or any other war know that when Mars blows the blast for war, corruption seems to regard it as its inning. Morality is undermined, humaneness suffers a collapse, humanity is debauched and a people's standards receive a shock from which it requires a long time to recover. Physical, moral and financial ruin follow in the wake of war, and people who engage in war may or may not get back to their former standard. Empires as well as people have failed to come back.

Referring to the downfall of nations and peoples, Shakespeare says: "First glory, then wealth—barbarism at last." They get glory in war, gain wealth, and then relapse into barbarism. Those empires and nations which have disappeared went that route. Probably some would blame wealth with it, but war and wealth and debauchery are categoried by the students of the fall of Rome.

There can be no possible argument in favor of war, but the always strong possibilities of war, in spite of our abhorrence of it, are so great that this country ought to be prepared for war if some other nation should make war on us whether we like it or not. Long wars are devastating, and lack of preparedness is the cause of long wars. Military experts are now satisfied that if this country had been prepared for the Civil War it would have been over in three months after it started. We are prepared to believe it, and, if preparedness will keep us safe from war or enable us to fight it to a quick conclusion, we are for preparedness. Historic precedents as to war convince us more than all the arguments we have ever heard for or against preparedness.

ODD SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TARIFF.

Certain manufacturers have been seeing ghosts for several months. They are not worried so much while the war is going on in Europe, but they just know that as soon as the war is at an end the manufacturing countries in Europe will make a tremendous effort to recover their trade and one of the results will be that they will dump pauper labor products on America in such volume as to put home manufacturers out of business. What they really desire is to create a reason for a protective tariff, but Secretary of Commerce Redfield, who wishes to allay their alarm, has discovered another plan. He seems to share in the alarm, and as to his plan the New York Herald says:

"In the portion made public yesterday of his annual report Mr. Redfield, the Secretary of Commerce, predicts that after the war a great effort will be made by foreign countries to recover lost commerce. He asserts that "the outreach of American industries, nay, their very existence in our land in some cases, will be resisted to the full.' He appears to fear 'dumping' of cheap foreign goods in our markets.

"Mr. Redfield is far from suggesting the rebuilding of the tariff wall to keep them out. He has an odd and original substitute. He would clothe the Treasury Department and the Department of Justice with power to confiscate foreign merchandise offered here in what they may deem 'unfair competition.' More than this, he recommends that it be made unlawful for any person to buy such goods 'where the effect is to substantially lessen competition in the production in the United States of such articles.' It is enough to make the advocates of a protective tariff who were overcome by Mr. Redfield and his party, split their sides."

Secretary Redfield's plan is a substitute for protection, but it would be protection under another guise. As bad as a prohibitive tariff would be, it would be better than prohibition, confiscation and interference with the personal rights of purchasers who might buy the dumped goods if any are to be unloaded on this country. In the first place, there is very little likelihood that Europe will be able to dump.

CLUB WORK IN AGRICULTURE

The promotion of agriculture in North Carolina by means of club work among the boys and girls is going to be vigorously pushed during the coming year. Efforts will be made to increase the membership in the corn clubs, the pig clubs and the canning clubs. Fine results were secured during the year just ended and yet the real impulse given to agriculture in North Carolina can best be recognized in the increased production of various crops in the State.

The direct results achieved by the corn clubs is all that is reported in detail and no account is taken of the impetus it has given to general farming along improved lines. Mr. T. E. Browne, of Ahoskie, director in charge of the corn clubs, had 3,550 boys enrolled during the year, and the general average production by all of them was 60 bushels per acre. Contrasted with this is 20 bushels per acre for regular farmers, a showing strikingly favorable to the boys. The boys made three times as much corn per acre as the farmers made, and, stated the other way, the farmers had to cultivate three acres of land to get a yield equal to that the boys got on one acre only.

The University News Letter economists figure that if the grown-ups had done as well as the boys we should have 182,000,000 bushels of home raised corn as the crop of the past season, or "enough for home consumption and 100,000,000 bushels more to market abroad, or, better still, to feed to our livestock." The University News Letter emphasizes that "the development of livestock farming depends first of all on surpluses of grain, hay and forage—a fe worth considering." The fact is, the greatest possibility in diversified production is its natural outgrowth of cattle and hog raising and meat production.

During the year, 2,900 canning club girls in 37 counties of North Carolina put up 633,000 tins and jars of fruits and vegetables, such as tomatoes, string beans, soup mixtures, peaches, cherries, preserves, jams and the like. These products this year were valued at 104,000 and the profits were estimated at $75,000. Even the club girls themselves have kept $104,000 in the State, for their products take the place of those which would have to be ordered from outside the State. Mrs. McKimmon, who directs the canning club work, has accomplished this wonderful achievement among the girls, and she proposes to greatly extend the work during the coming year. She will have nine new counties organized for the coming year, and hopes even to get the girls in other counties organized. The girls are illustrating the economic value of the work by preserving food material that otherwise would go to waste. What we throw away in North Carolina each year would amount in value to millions of dollars if utilized.

The Star hopes the boys' pig clubs will be spurred up during the coming year. The bankers and business men in every county should offer prizes to the young meat demonstrators in their counties. Meanwhile, the farmers ought to organize livestock associations in every county. Associations will not only promote the industry, but enable livestock raisers to better cope with the problems that arise.

The doctors announce that "a new dog disease has been found." The Baltimore Sun asks: "Who found it?" Ah, p'raps the dog he found it and the docs they found the dog with it. The question is, how did the dog get that new disease? Did he catch it while prowling around or did somebody give it to him? Do dogs catch diseases and give them to people or do people have diseases first and then let the dogs have them? North Carolina has millions of 'possum dogs and rabbit dogs but they catch the mange quicker than they can a 'possum or a rabbit. Dogs don't bring any 'possums or rabbits home, but they bring home all the diseases they catch. We don't know what becomes of the diseases after the dogs get thorugh with them, but the doctors ought to have some way of finding out. People have no reason to fear that new comet, but they had better look out for that new dog disease. We once knew a man who recovered his health after a doctor prescribed a dose of strychnine for his dog. Cats! Let it all pass.

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "Governor-elect Stanley, of Kentucky, says there will be no liquor in the executive mansion during his term of office." If the governor has few callers at the mansion he can blame himself for making an announcement which Kentuckians will construe as a hint that they needn't go to the trouble of making him a call.

Plots! Most everything's a plot now, and if you don't believe it you watch the Republicans. Hobnobbing and caucussing for the little fellows and eat fests for the big ones to get together and work together are signs that there is something doing contrary to the interests of the select.

When we can't do what we thought we could do, it is better to quit than to waste time camping on the job.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Republicans are all of a quiver at the news that Roosevelt has taken a great big suite of rooms in Chicago covering the time of the first week in June. He keeps 'em on the rack. And when the Republicans look over the list of Republican candidates for the nomination for President they realize that there is none in the outfit who is in a state of preparedness to go up against Woodrow Wilson.—Raleigh News and Observer.

It is inertasingly apparent that the case of C. C. Daniels is one that should not be hastily judged. The story in The Daily News yesterday morning is worthy of serious attention. The very fact that the government found it necessary to send a special attorney to Minnesota and to bring many hundreds of suits is proof that there is some rottenness. If Mr. Daniels has seriously threatened strongly entrenched rascality the row that has been raised is easy to explain. Mr. Daniels has never set the woods afire by his extraordinary ability in this State; but it may very well be the case that he has done enough in Minnesota to bring down the wrath of every crook in the state on his head. The department of justice has done wisely in reserving its decision until it can get to the bottom of the matter; the people of Mr. Daniels' home State can certainly afford to be as charitable.—Greensboro News.

Christmas in Richmond 50 years ago, was interestingly described in yesterday's issue of this newspaper. From that account, it appears that gloom enshrouded the city, that suffering and privation were widespread and that little of the Christmas spirit could be felt by its citizens. Instead of the happiness and good cheer that Christmas brings, there seemed, in the words of the writer, "a tacit agreement among all the real people of Richmond that the Christmas of 50 years ago should be a solemn festival." Then there was good reason why Richmond should be sorrowful; she had but lately begun to lift her head above the desolation of war; she was poor; many of her sons were dead, victims of that war god of 50 years ago, and her daughters mourned. Yet Richmond turned to good works; those who suffered ministered to those who suffered more; those who were poor gave to those who were poorer, and in the sacrifice found comfort and strength. It is all changed now: Richmond, with all America, has cause for thanksgiving. Her sons are prospering and her fortunate wives and mothers and daughters are happy.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

We have just returned from a most enjoyable visit to Onslow county. The folks down there surely know how to entertain in royal fashion. We never ate such an oyster roast nor such cracklin' bread as they have in Jacksonville. It was hard work to get away soon enough to get back in time for church on Sunday. It is a fine homey sort of folks one finds there. No one can estimate Onslow's possibilities. It is like a sleeping giant, not yet awakened to realize what it can do. Acres upon acres of good farming land lying waste, miles of good river front for eight-foot boats, plenty of good fishing ground, millions of feet of lumber, numberless cords of fire wood. Nobody knows what the per capita wealth of the county would be if she would develop her resources. The folks are beginning to believe in good roads and are justly proud of the few miles of sand-clay roads they now have. Ten years ought to see every main thoroughfare of Onslow a first class road. The school districts are rapidly constructing new and up-todate school houses. Cedar Lane and Bacon Neck have consolidated and, aided by the personal loan of a public spirited citizen of the county, have built a beautiful new building. Jacksonville, under the excellent principal, L. M. Bailey, has added a new wing to its fine brick building and other districts are making like progress. There is still much to be done. A more united sentiment for public improvements, a more lively interest in community welfare, a more determined effort to bring Onslow to the fore would help lift the county out of the position of a commonplace coastal county. It has the resources, it has the potential wealth. It needs more folks and folks who will help her to realize her possibilities. It has some such folks and it needs more.—University News-Letter.

ARCH ENEMIES OF INSURANCE

Life Companies Dread Tuberculosis, Typhoid and Alcohol.

(State Board of Health.)

Tuberculosis, typhoid fever and alcohol are considered the arch enemies of insurance companies, according to Dr J. L. Davis, of Texas. "Tuberculosis is realized by insurance companies as exceedingly infectious, and for many years they have made careful inquiries into the lives of applicants for insurance along this line. They go so far as to ascertain whether the applicant has recently associated with tuberculosis people. They advocate among their policy holders all the modern means of preventing this disease."

As to typhoid fever, which probably they dread most on account of its sudden attack and the high death rate that is incident to this disease, they advocate not only anti-typhoid vaccination as a preventative but insist on strict sanitary living conditions for all their policy holders. They are opposed to paying premiums on flies, filth and fever.

It was the insurance companies that changed the alcoholic question from one altogether moral to one to include public health. So great is the influence of alcohol on th mortality rate, that insurance companies have become interested in it from a business point of view. Their statistics compiled for over twenty-five years show that not only the constant drinking man's mortality rate is much higher but that even the moderate drinker has a rate equivalent to a reduction of four years in the average life.

OFFICERS ELUDE MOB.

Span Four Counties in Effort to Take Negro Prisoner to Safe Place.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 22. — Joe Robinson, a negro arrested by State officers on complaint that he sent through the mails an improper letter to a white woman in Sumpter county, was in jail here tonight after officers had rushed him through parts of four counties in an effort to elude a mob said to be seeking him.

The negro was placed in Sumpter county jail at Americus, Ga., yesterday. Word came that a mob was forming to get the negro and he was taken into Schley county and lodged in jail at Ellaville. When a mob was reported as heading toward that town, the negro was brought here, arriving today.

Five automobiles bearing men said to be seeking Robinson reached Ellaville after the negro had been removed from there.

It was expected attention of Federal officers would be called to the alleged violation of the mails.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 23.—James R. Stuart, 81, well known as an artist, died of pneumonia here last night. Mr. Stuart was a native of South Carolina. He served in the Confederate army in the Civil War, later settling in Wisconsin.

The Castles.

In "The Whirl of Life," Victoria, today and tomorrow. (Advertisement.)

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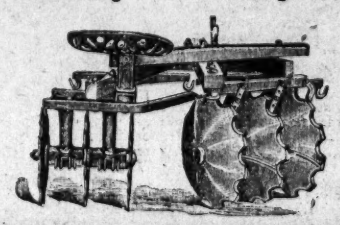

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BUT ONE MORE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Wilmington Making Big Preparations for Observance.

Indications Point Towards Quiet Celebration of Yuletide Season—Stores Thronged With Holiday Shoppers.

It is the day before Christmas. Tonight Santa Claus will make his annual visit, bringing all kinds of gifts, and the children will wake up tomorrow morning to find well filled stockings—and they will be happy. And older and wiser ones will forget the cares of life for one day—and will be young again. It is the Christmas spirit of good cheer and joy and gladness.

The final preparations for the day of days will be made today. All the week the stores have been thronged with shoppers but not all the Christmas things have yet been purchased and there will be another throng today. While here and there can be heard the popping and banging of fireworks, there is in general an air of hushed expectancy. The echo of the horrible war across the seas seems to have sobered the thoughts of American men and women and while there is no evidence of sadness, there is a disposition to think soberly, act carefully and avoid rash deeds. Nevertheless, it is going to be a happy Christmas.

While the stores will remain open until late tonight in order to give all an opportunity to buy their Christmas supplies, the observance of the Yuletide season for many will really begin this afternoon. Many of the offices will be closed and the public offices at the Court House and at the City Hall will close at 1 o'clock.

All incoming and outgoing trains were crowded yesterday with passengers. Many came to the city to do their Christmas shopping. Still others came to visit relatives and friends. While many came in, still others left for their homes in other places to spend Christmas. Standing room only and mighty little of that was the rule on most of the trains yesterday and last night.

One of the most enjoyable features of the Yuletide occasion are the family reunions. Those who are away at school return to visit their parents and relatives. Those who are working come back to spend a while at the old home. Still others go away to see friends and relatives. It is time for a general reunion.

Chief Williams stated last night that the indications were that this would be rather a quiet Christmas. He doesn't know why this is so, but from a general round-up of the situation it looks like there will be little drunkenness and disorder. He and Public Safety Councilman Hall have their eyes well on the situation and while only a couple of extra men have been added to the police department for the present, if the need becomes apparent, others will be added.

Inquiry from express officials brings forth the information that while the number of packages of Christmas "cheer" is considerably larger this year, the "quart law" has effectively reduced the maximum of intoxicating liquors coming into the city and this is expected to have a marked effect in keeping down drunkenness.

It was a busy day yesterday with the postoffice and the express office. Hundreds of people sent away parcels and packages and it is expected that the rush will continue through today. By tomorrow practically all the gifts will have been sent and delivered—and then Wilmington will settle down to enjoy Christmas—not in festive mood but quietly and unostentatiously.

Christmas trees will be given in some of the churches but most of these will take place next week. As Christmas comes the day before Sunday, there will be no services in the churches in Wilmington with few exceptions and those on Sunday will be in the nature of a Christmas observance.

No matter if there are many who would like it to be otherwise, it is considered the proper thing for youngsters to celebrate the Christmas spirit with the shooting of fireworks and last night the noise had already started. Tonight, however, will witness the big celebration. The bars have been let down for ten days by City Council and full use of the privilege of shooting crackers is being utilized by youthful Wilmington—and not a few of the older ones are joining in with them.

While the more fortunate have been busy buying presents and remembering their friends and loved ones, the poor have not been forgotten. Today hundreds of gifts will be sent out to be given to those who would not otherwise have much of the Christmas spirit. On Monday afternoon, the Salvation Army will give a Christmas tree and dinner for 300 or more needy children of the city and county.

The members of the Wilmington Councils of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics some years ago inaugurated the custom of giving a turkey every Christmas to the widows of deceased members of the order. Yesterday Mr. W. E. Yopp distributed 14 turkeys for Jeff Davis Council and Mr. H. W. Howell delivered five turkeys for George Washington Council.

SOLDIERS INVITED

But Fort Caswell Troops Unable to Come to See "Battle Cry of Peace."

Mr. J. J. Payette, special representative of "The Battle Cry of Peace," went down to Fort Caswell yesterday with a view to arranging for a large delegation from the fort to come up to the city to view that production at a private showing at the Victoria Theatre Saturday morning, but was unable to bring this about owing to a recent ruling by the War Department against any large body of the soldiers leaving the fort without permission from the Secretary of War.

Mr. Payette found in Colonel C. A. Bennett, commander at Fort Caswell, one of the most ardent admirers of "The Battle Cry of Peace." Colonel Bennett witnessed the production at the Vitagraph Theatre, New York city, during its record run there, and stated yesterday that he considered it the greatest production in the history of the nation, and one that would exert a power to be felt around the world. It is probable that Colonel Bennett may bring up a few of the officers from the fort to witness one of the performances next week.

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SENT TO SUPERIOR COURT

Probable Cause Found Against E. W. Burnett, Well Known Colored Grocer, on Charge of Larceny.

E. W. Burnett, a well known colored grocer, who runs stores at Seventh and Red Cross streets and at No. 7 South Second street, was required by Justice Harriss yesterday to give bond in the sum of $700 for his appearance at the next criminal term of Superior Court to answer to charge of breaking a seal on a freight car and of larceny and receiving stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen. Walter Medway, a colored drayman, was required to give bond in the sum of $300 on a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods. Two other negroes were held under bond as material witnesses.

Burnett and the other three negroes were arrested Tuesday afternoon by County Officer H. Mack Godwin on charges of being implicated in the breaking into and stealing 17 sacks of corn from a freight car of the Atlantic Coast Line. Burnett gave bond but the others were lodged in jail to await trial. Pryer Ancrum, who works for Burnett, and Richard Pollock, who drives a delivery wagon for him, will be used as material witnesses in the case. Ancrum was able to give bond in the sum of $100 but Pollock had to go to jail in default.

While there were 17 bags of corn stolen from the car, County Officer H. Mack Godwin claimed to have traced the disposition of but nine of them. When Burnett's store and home were searched late Tuesday afternoon, none of the sacks of corn were found there but it was alleged by the officers that the sacks on display at the trial yesterday came from Burnett's store and home, having been emptied, and that these same sacks had been taken from the car.

No evidence was introduced by the defense in the case except the testimony of Burnett, who denied having had anything to do with robbing the car and stated that he knew nothing about it.

Burnett owns two stores and also several lots in the city. He is a shrewd negro and has conducted a very successful business. According to deeds filed in the office of the register of deeds yesterday, he has transferred to his wife the stocks of goods in his two stores and also several lots. His wife went on his bond yesterday.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., represented Burnett at the trial yesterday and Hon. John D. Bellamy appeared for Pryer Ancrum.

GIVEN CORDIAL WELCOME.

Former Pastor of Fifth Street Church Takes Charge of New Work.

A recent news dispatch from Kenly, N. C., after expressing regret that Rev. T. A. Sikes had been sent elsewhere, says: "However, he has a worthy successor in Rev. A. J. Parker, who arrived in town Saturday and preached Sunday. His sermon was well liked by all, and we consider ourselves fortunate in having such an able man in our midst."

With reference to the changes made in the presiding elders by the last session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, this week's Raleigh Christian Advocate says:

"Among the presiding elders this year there is only one who is absolutely new to the job—Rev. J. C. Wooten, who is sent to the Durham district. Rev. J. D. Bundy, who goes from Grace church, Wilmington, to the Warrenton district, and Rev. J. B. Hurley, who goes from the Rockingham station to the Newbern district, have both had previous experience in swinging the circle. Our districts are all manned with good men, and we look forward to a year of great prosperity in the Kingdom of God."

FUNERAL OF MRS. M'INTOSH.

Services Conducted from Residence of Daughter—Interment in Oakdale.

Attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth McIntosh, whose death occurred Wednesday afternoon, was held yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. S. Boylan, No. 9 South Fourth street. The services were conducted by Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The choir of Grace Methodist church, of which the deceased was a devoted member, sang several selections. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Messrs. W. B. Cooper and Geo. O. Gaylord; active, Messrs. W. B. Munroe, H. E. Boney, H. H. Ford, John Hintze, I. W. Cooper and John Adams.

BRINGS CARGO NITRATE.

American Steamer Bantu in Port from Mejillones, Chile.

The American steamer Bantu steamed into port yesterday from Southport where she had been in quarantine, having arrived a few days ago from Mejillones, Chile. The Bantu brings a cargo of nitrate of soda which is being discharged at the Atlantic Coast Line terminals. She is a vessel of 2,661 tons and is in charge of Captain Dunfay. The voyage from Mejillones was considerably delayed because of the earth movements in the Panama Canal, making it necessary to sail via Cape Horn, a trip which it required several weeks to make. The steamer sailed from Mejillones November 2nd.

On her return voyage the Bantu will carry a cargo of steel to Valparaiso, Chile. The shipment will be made from the Seaboard Air Line terminals, having been brought over that road from Alabama.

Sneak Thieves Again.

Report was made to the police yesterday morning that during the preceding night sneak thieves had entered the residences of Mr. Geo. W. Brinson, No. 406 North Fourth street, and Mr. L. W. Cooper, No. 314 North Fourth street. Windows in the rear of each residence were forced, a room occupied by a Mr. Honeycutt at the residence of Mr. Brinson, having been entered and the occupant's trousers having been robbed of between $9 and $10 in money, while at the residence of Mr. Cooper the room of Mr. J. S. Dix, a traveling man, was entered and his trousers' pockets rifled of a small amount of change and a check. The police have discovered a clue in neither of the cases.

A Danish corporation makes a business of cleaning and disinfecting telephones.

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PRISONERS TO HAVE HOLIDAY

New Hanover Commissioners Not Enthusiastic About Giving Leave of Absence for Convict Trusties.

The prisoners of the convict camps of New Hanover county will have Christmas as a holiday and will be served with a bountiful dinner, but, some of the members of the Board of Commissioners are not enthusiastic over the prospect of giving Christmas leave of absence of three days, beginning today, to all prisoners who have been trusties for the past ten days, in accordance with the request of Governor Craig. There are some 10 or 15 trusties in the camps, it is stated, who are eligible to leave of absence, but it was not known yesterday just what would be done.

Governor Craig's request to give these trusties leave of absence for three days in order that they may visit their homes was received here yesterday. The announcement yesterday that he had decded upon such a course was learned in Wilmington with much interest. There was a difference of opinion as to the wisdom of such a step but the prevailing sentiment seemed to favor the Governor's course.

One member of the Board of Commissioners pointed out that it was in his opinion a rather risky thing to do, as some of the trusties might celebrate too much and might possibly commit some crime and then criticism would be directed at the autnorities for allowing the prisoners their liberty. Another member of the Board stated that he was entirely willing to give the trusties a vacation.

The charge has been made—and was given substantial recognition in the report of the last grand jury—that trusties of the New Hanover camps are sometimes given too much liberty. However, it is stated, that none except the most worthy ones are made trusties and while one or two of them in the past few months have abused their privileges to the extent that at least two of them were guilty of larceny, it is believed that the present course has been a wise one. It was stated by a member of the Board of Commissioners last night that there are but one or two, who are allowed to leave the camp by themselves.

A prominent citizen of the city yesterday expressed commendation of the Governor's course. He declared that he had little sympathy with the modern idea that prisons must be made into pleasure resorts and expressed himself strongly as favoring strict discipline for hardened criminals but saw no reason why those who are considered worthy to be made trusties should not be allowed to go home Christmas. He suggested that likely as not some of them would slip away from the camps anyway and might possibly celebrate their stolen liberty by getting drunk while if they were allowed to go home with the approval of the authorities, they would consider themselves honor bound to respect the liberty accorded them.

He did not think the idea advanced that some of them might commit some crime while away from the camps should be used as an argument for denying them this liberty, as it would be unjust to condemn all for what one might do. And he did not consider this a consistent argument in view of the fact that trusties are allowed to come to the city to get supplies without being under guard and they could at any time commit a crime while away from the camp. However, this has not proven to be the case and he did not think that it would in the event that they were given Christmas leave of absence.

He pointed out that the Governor's request left it to the discretion of those in charge o fthe camps as to whom they should give this privilege. It is to be presumed, he stated, that no one has been made a trusty, who is a hardened and confirmed criminal, and certainly if they can be trusted not to abuse their liberty for a short period of time, there is no reason why they should not be given their liberty for a longer period.

STREET BADLY NEEDED

East Entrance to Oakdale Cemetery Useless for Practical Purposes.

Much complaint is being heard from the public, especially from those who reside in the eastern sections of the city, that the Winoca Terrace entrance to beautiful Oakdale cemetery is rendered practically useless because of the fact that the city has failed in its agreement to improve the two blocks of street leading there. The cemetery company, it is understood, has spent over $2,000 in building this beautiful entrance, for which the public so long clamored, and now it is pointed out that the efforts of the committee from the cemetery company have been set at naught because the street is not improved. Since the recent snow and rains, it is stated that several automobiles have endeavored to enter and leave the cemetery by that entrance and have been hopelessly stuck in the mud just outside the gate.

It is said that the city, before the building of the entrance, gave every assurance that the street would be improved, but that since it has been built absolutely nothing has been done. Several have asked if the city could not do more than to use a part of its regular force in at least grading and ditching the two blocks in order that egress and ingress may be possible.

MR. A. F. TOON DEAD.

Popular Claim Agent of A. C. L. Passed Away at Home at Whiteville.

Mr. A. F. Toon, of Whiteville, for many years a popular claim agent for the Atlantic Coast Line, died last Thursday at his home at Whiteville after a short illness from pneumonia. He was 63 years old and had made his home at Whiteville all his life. He was widely known all along the Atlantic Coast Line and numbered his friends by the thousands. The news of his death will be learned with deep regret by his wide circle of friends.

Surviving him besides his wife are six children as follows: E. M. Toon, Esq., Mrs. R. J. Powell, Miss Pauline Toon and Jackson Toon, of Whiteville; Mr. Owen Toon, Richmond, Va., and Archie Toon, of Florida.

The funeral was held in Whiteville last Saturday and the interment was in the cemetery at that place.

Young People Married Here.

Mr. Ernest F. Johnson, of Fremont, and Miss Mark K. Council, of Council's were married in the office of Justice Bornemann yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. They left yesterday afternoon for Fremont, wheer they will make their home.

The Castles.
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WINNER OF FISHING PRIZES

New Hanover Club Makes Announcement of Awards—Mr. Theodore G. Empie Caught Largest Fish.

A meeting of the contest committee of the New Hanover Fishing Club was held last week, and all affidavits filed with the Chairman were properly checked and certified. This week the affidavits were again checked by the president of the club and the committee is now mailing to the various winners the orders for their prizes. The following is the list of the winners in the various competitions of the club.

Competition A—For the largest channel bass caught anywhere in the State:

First, Theodore G. Empie, 41 pounds, 10 oz. Topsail Inlet, May 31, prize, Meisselbach free spool reel and silver loving cup, donated by A. F. Meisselbach & Bro., and Honnet's respectively

Second, A. L. Howard, 39 pounds, 10 oz. Queen's Inlet, September 6. Prize $10 worth of fishing tackle, donated by the New Hanover Fishing Club.

Third, Burke H. Bridgers 39 pounds, 8 oz., Topsail Inlet, October 11. Prize $5 worth of fishing tackle, donated by the New Hanover Fishing Club.

Fourth, Theodore G. Empie, 38 pounds 8 oz., Topsail Inlet, May 31. Prize set of four King-fisher lines, donated by E. J. Martin Sons, Rockville, Conn.

Competition B—For the channel bass whose weight bears the highest ratio to the strength of the line on which he was caught:

First, Burke H. Bridgers, 27 pounds, 12 oz., Topsail Inlet, October 10, No 9 line ratio 154 per cent. Prize $10 worth of fishing tackle, donated by the New Hanover Fishing Club.

Second, E. D. Harvey, 31 pounds 1 oz., Seashore Pier, September 19, No. 12 line, ratio 129.4 per cent. Prize $5 worth of fishing tackle, donated by the New Hanover Fishing Club.

Third, J. W. Freeman, 37 pounds 8 oz., Shell Island, September 24, No. 15 line, ratio 125 per cent. Prize $2 worth of Bijou tickets, donated by Howard & Wells.

Competition F—For the largest channel bass caught on the Seashore pier

First, J. H. Burriss, 37 pounds, 8 oz., November 15. Prize, season ticket to pier for 1916, donated by the Seashore Hotel Company.

Second, E. C. Myers, 34 pounds, April 12. Prize, picture, donated by C. W. Yates Company, and a gallon of paint, donated by M. W. Divine Company.

Third, E. D. Harvey, 31 pounds 1 oz., September 19. Prize smoking set, donated by W. Monroe Company.

Competition G—For the largest channel bass caught between the north side of Masonboro Inlet and the south side of Moore's Inlet:

First, J. H. Burruss, 37 pounds, 8 oz., November 15. Prize electric cooker, donated by the Tidewater Power Company.

Competition I—For the largest channel bass caught between Hewlett's fish camp and Figure Eight woods:

First, A. L. Howard, 39 pounds 10 oz., September 6, Queen's Inlet. Prize Springbutt Fishing Rod, donated by Coca-Cola Bottling Works.

Second, J. W. Freeman, 37 pounds 8 oz., September 24, Shell Island. Prize set of six Heddon Wiggler baits, donated by James Heddon & Sons, Dowagiac, Mich.

Competition J—For the largest channel bass caught at Wilmington Beach:

First, John P. Green, 38 pounds 8 oz., June 29 Prize silver loving cup, donated by the Wilmington Beach Corporation.

Blue Fish Competition—First, Ed Boushee, 3 pounds 9 oz., October 30, Mason's Inlet. Prize Bristol Steel Fishing Rod, donated by the Horton Mfg. Co., Bristol, Conn.

Second, E. D. Harvey, 3 pounds 5 oz., September 23, Queen's Inlet Prize 200 yards line, donated by the New Hanover Fishing Club.

Virginia Mullet Competition—First, Robert R. Bridgers, 2 pounds 2 oz., Topsail Inlet, May 13. Prize set of 18 Hilderbrant Spinners, donated by J. J. Hilderbrant Company, Logansport, Ind.

Second, E. D. Harvey, 2 pounds 1 oz., Shell Island, September 5. Prize 200 yards of line, donated by the New Hanover Fishing Club.

Trout Competition—First, E. J. Pigford, 2 pounds 4 oz., Shell Island, November 6. Prize Heddon Favorite Casting Rod, donated by J. J. Heddon Sons, Dowagiac, Mich.

Second, B. T. Hopkins, 2 pounds, Carolina Beach, November 12. Prize 200 yards of line, donated by the New Hanover Fishing Club.

The members of the club are already looking forward with much interest to next season's contest, and those who failed this year to take down any of the prizes are determined that next year they will be on the job, while this year's winners all say that next season they are going to do still better.

Seized Gallon Corn Juice.

Despite the general exuberance of the populace incident to the near approach of Christmas, the police had made only one arrest up to 11 o'clock last night and that was by Plainclothesmen Frank George and B. W. Jacobs, the prisoner being Dollie Williams, colored, Sixth, near Campbell street, charged with having more liquor in her possession than the law allows. The officers seized one gallon of corn liquor, several bottles, jugs and other evidences of the dispensation of liquid joy for the glorious holidays. The woman will state her case to the recorder this morning.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. J. L. Becton left last night for Goldsboro, where he will visit relatives.

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Miss Lillian Fonvielle has gone to Athens, Ga., where she will visit Miss Mattie Johnson.

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Miss Kate Styron, of the High school faculty is spending the holidays at her home in Newbern.

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Miss Nettie Fleming, of the High school faculty, is spending the holidays at her home in Greensboro.

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Mrs. A. V. Lafiteau has returned from a visit to Washington, D. C., where she spent several weeks.

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Miss Marion Meyers, of Philadelphia, is the charming guest of Miss Floretta Schloss, 212 North Fourth street.

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Miss Mamie Gerdes arrived home yesterday after a two months' visit to her sister in Charleston, S. C.

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Miss Valeria Gregg has returned home for the holidays from Chatham, Va., where she has been at school.

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Miss Marie Plowden left last night for Richmond, Va., where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

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Mr. Claude Cooper, who has been a student at Trinity College, has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Mr. E. J. McIntire, who has been a student at Davidson College, has arrived in the city to spend the holidays.

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Miss Bessie Perry, teacher of the Point Caswell school, was in the city yesterday en route to her home at Faison.

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Mr. Roy Polvogt, who is a student at Roanoke College, is in the city to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Polvogt.

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Miss Ethel Ashcraft, a popular nurse at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, has gone to Wadesboro to visit her parents.

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Mr. J. M. Kermon, who has been a student at the Westminster school near Rutherfordton, is spending the holidays in the city.

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Miss Lillian Allen, of the High school faculty, left yesterday for Weldon to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents.

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Mr. Eric Norden will leave this morning for Lake Waccamaw to spend the holidays as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Council.

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Mr. Armand deR. Doyle, efficiency engineer, Chicago Junction Railway, of Chicago, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. W. Farmer.

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Mr. Charles Bidgood has returned from the University of Virginia, where he has been a student, to spend the holidays in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Highsmith and little daughter will leave today for Wallace, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Vann, of Baltimore, art at home to spend Christmas with Mrs. Vann's mother, Mrs. T. H. Thompson, No. 318 North Seventh street.

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Mr. Boyden Randolph Sparkes, of Chicago, Ill., arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Sparkes, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cuthebert Martin.

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Misses Elizabeth Thames, Mary Hall and Maude Wilson, students at the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, are spending the holidays at home.

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Misses Ruth Shaw, Eleanor Jordan and Lucy Murchison, who have been at the Castle School in Tarrytown, N. Y., have arrived home to spend the holidays.

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Mr. W. L. McIntire, who has been at the A. & M. College in Raleigh, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. M. McIntire, No. 819 Market street.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Miss Margaret Bridgers, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Alexander, at her home on Clement avenue."

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There were 702 Red Cross seals sold at the postoffice yesterday. Mrs. S. Mendelsohn was choperone. This is the last day for the sale of the seals before Christmas.

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Miss Lalia May Chinnis has returned from Greensboro to spend the holidays with her parents at Phoenix. Miss Chinnis has been attending Greensboro College for Women.

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Miss Mildred Hunt, who has a position with the Norfolk Southern railroad in Norfolk, Va., has arrived to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Booker.

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Messrs. Chas. M. Hazlehurst, Carlyle Shepard and Clarence Sternberger, who are students at the University of North Carolina, have arrived to spend the holidays in the city.

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Miss Virginia McKay, superintendent of nurses at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, left yesterday for Cumberland, Md., where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

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Miss Elizabeth Jennings Westbrook, who is a student at Greensboro College for Women, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Westbrook, of Bradley's Creek.

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Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Misses M. L., Jeanie and Fan Williams left today for Wilmington, where they will be guests of Miss Fannie R. Williams, at her home, 10 South Fifth street."

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Mr. Francis McKoy has returned from Raleigh, where he has been a student at A. & M. College. He will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKoy on South Third street.

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Miss Lessie Sturdivant and Miss Wesley Wise, of the Atlantic Coast Line general offices, left the city yesterday morning via Hamlet for their respective homes, Bynum, N. C., and Chester, S. C., where they will spend the holidays.

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The regular business meeting of the Department of Civics and Home Economics of North Carolina Sorosis, which was to have been held this afternoon, has been postponed until next Friday afternoon on account of the holidays.

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Misses Mary Louise Stover and Elizabeth Moore have returned from Lynchburg, Va., where they have been students at Randolph-Macon College for Women, and are spending the holidays with their parents.

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Messrs. Clewell Howell, William C. worth and C. W. Worth, Jr., students at Davidson College, have arrived to spend the holidays in the city. Mr. Howell is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew J. Howell. The Messrs. Worth will visit their uncle, Mr. C. W. Worth.

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Miss Pauline Williams, who has been a student at the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams, No. 207 North Seventh street.

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Mr. John V. Fergus, a clever and popular young Wilmingtonian, now engaged in real estate in Greensboro, N. C., is here to spend the holidays with the family of his father, Mr. D. J. Fergus. Friends will be delighted to know that he is making good in his new home.

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Immanuel kindergarten closed for the Christmas holidays with appropriate exercises by the children on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Florence Bonitz has had charge of the school for several years and she is greatly beloved by the children. There was a Christmas tree and the tots were much interested in this feature. Miss Bonitz is assisted in the management of the school by Misses Alma Kermon and Annie Webb.

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Wilson, N. C., Dec. 23.—Dr. C. E. Moore, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Wilson, will be married Saturday, January 15, 1916, to Mrs. F. L. Joyner, of Farmville. The announcement came in the nature of a surprise to the many friends of both parties, members of families with large social connections throughout the State. Immediately afttr the ceremony, which will occur at the home of Mrs. Joyner, Dr and Mrs. Moore will leavt for an extended trip to Florida points.

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MISS MARY BROOKS CADDELL BRIDE OF MR. GRIFFIN

Friends in the city yesterday received the following announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caddell
announce the marriage of their
daughter
Mary Brooks
to
Mr. Raymond Howard Griffin
on Wednesday, December the twenty-second
nineteen hundred and fifteen
Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Mr. Griffin is employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line and has many friends in the city.

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DOUBLE SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION AT KINSTON.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 23.—A unique social event here on the evening of December 31 will be the celebration of a double silver wedding. Twenty-five years ago on that date Elisha B. Lewis, now private secretary to Congressman Claude Kitchin, and Miss Dora McDaniel were married here. Dr. John L. Carroll and Miss Ora L. Reynolds came to attend the wedding. The latter couple sprung a big surprise when they appeared before the Rev. H. W. Battle, who was to marry Mr. Lewis and Miss McDaniel, and plighted their troth simultaneously with the former. No one connected with the Lewis wedding had anticipated the elopers' action. Dr. and Mrs. Carroll, happily married a quarter of a century now, resided until a couple of years ago in Western Carolina, but now are living at Hookerton, near here, so that it is convenient for both couples to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the double wedding together in the Lewis home, at 117 East Caswell street, Kinston.

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BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING AT LUMBERTON YESTERDAY

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 23.—A most beautiful marriage was solemnized here this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, Mr. A. M. Hartley and Miss Sallie Stephens being the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. N. Stephens, by Rev. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, in the presence of the family and a few intimate friends.

The bride is one of Lumberton's most popular young ladies, having as admiring friends all who know her here and elsewhere. Mr. Hartley is head bookkeeper for the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills and one of the most popular and highly esteemed young men who have ever resided in Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley left on the Seaboard 6:25 train for Columbia, S. C., where they will spend Christmas with relatives. They will return to Lumberton Tuesday and for awhile will make their home with Mrs. Daisy Jenkins. All Lumberton wishes for this popular young couple the richest of life's blessings.

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YOUNG PEOPLE SURPRISE FRIENDS BY MARRIAGE

Of most pleasant interest to a host of friends in Wilmington and elsewhere, pleasing because of the delightful culmination of the romance at this most romantic season of the year, will come the announcement of the marriage of Miss Elma Ensley, of New York, who for severaly months has been the attractive guest of Mrs. C. L. Myers, No. 1519 South Fourth street, Greenfield Terrace, and Mr. J. Norwood Huske, Jr., a well known and popular young business man of this city and member of one of the most prominent families of the Cape Fear section of the State.

The couple, for reasons all their own, decided to make of the pleasing little wedding an event of surprise to their friends, so only one or two very close friends enjoyed their confidences, before they left on Thursday afternoon for the quiet little town of Jacksonville, N. C., near Wilmington, where they were married, returning to Wilmington yesterday afternoon and going to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Myers, where they received the happiest felicitations of a host of friends, and where they will be at home, at least for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Huske are both very popular in a wide circle of friends, the bride having attracted a host of admirers during her brief residence here by her charming manner and pleasing personality. The groom is with the Lassiter-McDuffie Company, Inc., and numbers his friends by the range of his large acquaintance. Both will receive a most cordial welcome as Mr. and Mrs. Huske in the social circles of this city.

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BEAUTIFUL CHURCH WEDDING CELEBRATED AT ROCKY MOUNT

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 23.—At 3 P. M. Wednesday, December 22, in the Church of the Good Shepherd of this city, Miss Mary Ballard Ramsey was married to Mr. Robert McArthur Wilson. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on train No. 80 for New York City, where they will spend the holidays.

The chancel of the church was tastefully decorated with palms, maidenhair ferns and lilies—an appropriate setting for the beautiful costumes of the bride and her attendants. Mr. W. B. Darrow, presiding at the organ, filled the church with low, sweet music, as the friends and relatives of the popular couple assembled.

The Rev. R. B. Owens, rector of the church, performed the ceremony, using the impressive ring service.

The bride is the sister of Mr. J. B. Ramsey, a prominent attorney and the president of the First National Bank of Rocky Mount. The groom, a young graduate of the University of North Carolina who has risen rapidly in the educational field, is superintendent of the Rocky Mount city schools. The love and esteem in which both the young people are held is attested by the large number of handsome wedding presents which they received.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. M. Wilson, father of the groom; Mrs. John Fields, of LaGrange; Mrs. B. H. Griffin, of Raleigh; Mrs. J. C. Robertson, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. C. V. Brown, of Lumberton; Miss Elizabeth McCraw, of Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will return from their bridal trip January 1, and will be at home at Rocky Mount.

SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL

City Fathers to Meet This Morning to Consider Several Matters.

A special meeting of City Council has been called to be held this morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of securing authority to borrow $75,000 with which to pay off some notes that are due. It is understood that the city has been offered the low rate of 3 3-4 per cent.

Another matter that may be taken up will be the question of investigation of certain allegations recently made by Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, regarding the Water and Sewerage Department.

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TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

Announcement of Winner of Bungalow Contest to be Made at Victoria Theatre Today.

The announcement of the winner of the handsome bungalow in the contest which has been conducted under the auspices of Sorosis will be made at the close of a splendid entertainment to be given at the Victoria theatre today from 11 to 1 o'clock, which will be featured by readings and stories by Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner and Miss Rachel Pearsall and moving pictures entitled "The Night Before Christmas," and "Cinderella."

The bungalow contest closed last night at 11 o'clock and the judges will count the votes this morning. The handsome bungalow, donated by the Clark-Lynch Lumber Company, will be given as first prize, and a $20 gold piece will be awarded as the second prize. There will be other prizes also.

Mrs. Stoner will tell the children about Santa Claus and Father Bear. She is a great lover of children and a treat is in store for those who go to hear her this morning. Miss Pearsall is a talented reader and she will appear in fancy costume and recite several selections. The moving pictures are especially adapted to children and will interest them greatly.

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Useful Gifts are appreciated most of all.

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MASONIC TEMPLE.

PERSONALS.

—Mr. H. E. Bonitz went to Clinton yesterday on a business trip.

—Mr. J. W. S. Robinson, of Ivanhoe, spent yesterday in the city.

—Solicitor Homer Lyon, of Whiteville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. James W. Allen, of Bolton, is in the city, visiting relatives and friends.

—Mayor Price Furpless, of Southport, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—State Senator Donald MacRackan, of Whiteville, was in the city yesterday on business.

—L. V. Grady and J. C. Williamson, Esqs., members of the Whiteville bar, were in the city yesterday on professional business.

—Mr. M. P. McNeeley, of the local staff of The Star, left yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays at his home at Waxhaw, N. C.

—Fred W. Bonitz, Esq., with the Standard Oil Company, in Baltimore, Md., is at home to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

—Messrs. George Moore, J. H. Colvin, J. R. Hawes, O. L. Thompson and J. A. Moore, of Atkinson, have arrived in the city to spend a few days.

—Mr. Harold M. Penny, of Battle Creek, Mich., is in the city to spend Christmas with his father, Mr. E. O. Penney, who is with the Fidelity Trust and Development Company.

—Mr. John DeWitt, superintendent of mail and express for the Atlantic Coast Line, left yesterday for Chicago, where he will spend the holidays with his family.

—Dr. R. S. Clinton, interne at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, has gone to Gastonia, N. C., to spend the holidays at home. Dr. Pruitt, of Cumberland, Md., is substituting for Dr. Clinton.

—Mr. C. E. Haskett, assistant in marketing of the State Agricultural Department, returned yesterday morning from several eastern counties of the State, where he has been on business for some time.

—Mr. Charles Dushan, formerly of Wilmington, but having recently moved to Greenville, S. C., to take up the Y. M. C. A. work, is in the city to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Dushan's many friends are glad to see him back again, even though only for a short while.

—Friends of Sheriff Cowan will be gled to learn that he is rapidly recovering from the injuries which he sustained last Sunday afternoon from an automobile accident. Sheriff Cowan states that his office will be closed today at 1 o'clock but that he can be found at his home, No. 907 Market street, in the event that his services are needed.

Suburban Employes Remembered.

The Winter Park Community Club, a live organization of the enterprising citizens of that suburb, showed their appreciation of the efficient suburban service of the Tidewater Power Company by presenting on Tuesday afternoon to each of the motormen and conductors of the suburban lines some token of remembrance. The gifts were presented through Mr. Baird, superintendent of transportation.

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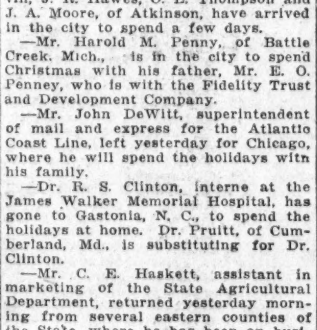

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THEATRICAL

Advance sale of seats, which bids fair to rival anything Wilmington has ever had in an advance sale for any production, begins this morning at 9 o'clock for the three days' presentation of "The Battle Cry of Peace," at the Victoria Theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" easily transcends anything that has ever been attempted in motion pictures. That was the unanimous opinion of 12,000 people who saw it on the opening night, and many millions who have since seen it at the Vitagraph Theatre in New York City, where it played continuously for seven months. The first night, while 12,000 witnessed it, 25,000 were turned away, according to the World the next morning.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" is the one psychological drama of the 20th century. It causes the blood to pound through the veins, driven by a heart aroused over the prophetic pictures of a vital menace of the future, rather than a sentimental portrayal of past history, as all previous "big" motion pictures have been. The human beings whom you see enacting the leading roles in the drama portion of the gigantic picture will appeal to your deepest sympathies and arouse you as never before.

You may get seats for opening night without reserving them—that is doubtful. But you certainly will not be able to get them for the second or third night, as each night the crowds will be larger.

Norma Talmadge and L. Rogers Lytton, in a Scene From "The Battle Cry of Peace."

Vera Sisson at Grand.

Beautiful Vera Sisson, supported by Jose Ruben, Raymond Nye and Madge Kirby, present at the Grand today one of the greatest three-reel human interest dramas of the year, "The Laurel of Tears," a superb dramatic masterpiece that will bring tears to the eyes of everyone who beholds it.

Human appeal in the story and acting is the distinguishing feature of "The Laurel of Tears." It is a story of present day commercial and artistic life very well handled in every respect. A stenographer with literary ambitions is told that she must live and suffer before she can hope to write convincing fiction. In these three reels she gains the experience that sooner or later, in one lorm or another, comes to every woman.

"Hats is Hats" is a rousing Vitagraph comedy that will bring a laugh to everyone who sees it.

Wilton Lackaye at Royal.

Wilton Lackaye, a star who was known on Broadway before many of the so-called present made-in-a-night stars were out of their swaddling clothes, appears today at the Royal, heading a superb company in "The Man of Shame," a vivid and pulsating six-act filmization of the famous French play, "Roger La Honte," by Jules Mary.

The locations for the production of this great stage drama in pictures were especially selected, and Quebec, the quaint old French town of Canada, was selected. The many scenes pictured in the famous French stage play from which it was filmed, have been exactly duplicated, using the city of Quebec as backgrounds for most of the scenes.

Co-stars with Mr. Lackaye in this great human interest drama are Rosemary Theby, Harry Myers and Louis Leon Hall, with many other well known film stars. "The Man of Shame" tells a vivid and gripping story with scenes laid in the time of the great Franco-Prussian war, with the quaint street scenes of that period.

"The Man of Shame" is an extraordinary production and should be witnessed by large crowds today.

"The Bogus Earl"—Bijou.

The headliner at the Bijou today is the second one of those great Charlie Chaplin imitator features. This one is entitled "The Bogus Earl," and, if possible, is actually more laughable than the one presented last Saturday.

"The Bogus Earl" tells one of the most unique photoplay stories ever filmed, and with "Pinkus Rainbow" enacting the leading role, there is a veritable tumult of fun with every flash of the film. The first one, "Pinkus at the Bat" was presented last Saturday, and was even better received than the real Charlie Chaplin. There are many who cannot tell that it is not actually Charlie, and it was one continuous roar from beginning to end of the two full reels.

"The Bogus Earl" is the last one—there is only two made so far—so don't miss the greatest Charlie Chaplin imitator at the Bijou today.

There will, of course, be other big features on today's rousing bill.

Castles Today and Tomorrow.

The Castles are here today and tomorrow. Surely this should be an extraordinary event for Wilmingtonians—especially those who dance and admire beautiful dancing. For "The Whirl of Life" contains the original Castle dances—not imitated by someone else, but actually danced by the Castles, and amid realistic surroundings in gay Parisian cafes, in society homes and other scenes of grandeur.

"The Whirl of Life" contains some of the best comedy seen in any pictures this year. Vernon Castle was a comedian in the several big Broadway musical comedy successes before he ever danced, and he has woven a comedy vein into "The Whirl of Life" that will do you good to see.

"The Whirl of Life" is an enthralling and pulsating drama, virile and alive with big happenings, unexpected and strongly dramatic situations. "The Whirl of Life" comes nearer embracing the whole category of requisites of the successful film play than any other production of the year. Plenty of the most desirable seats in the house can still be obtained.

The Castles.

In "The Whirl of Life," Victoria, today and tomorrow. (Advertisement.)

STORM IN NEWBERN SECTION.

Hundreds of Telephone and Telegraph Poles Down.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 23.—Between 200 and 300 telephone and telegraph poles were broken down by the storm which raged in this section of the State night before last and since early yesterday morning the telephone and telegraph companies have had large gangs of men out repairing the broken wires and putting up new poles.

The local telephone company suffered the most on its line between Newbern and Beaufort. At one point, for a distance of four miles, practically every one of their poles were down and the wires were in a tangled mass.

The first long distance message sent out from Newbern since Monday night, went over the line this morning when the telephone company got a wire open to Henderson.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT AT ELIZABETHTOWN SERIOUS.

One Probably Fatally Injured; One Suffers Broken Leg.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Elizabethtown, N. C., Dec. 23.—An automobile driven by Luther Campbell and occupied by his father, Dock Campbell, H. B. Butler and Oscar Smith, all white, turned over tonight on Broad street, throwing all the occupants out. Luther Campbell had a fractured skull and is in a very serious condition. Oscar Smith has a broken leg; Butler has a badly mashed face, and Dock Campbell's injuries have not been ascertained, though not thought serious.

The remarkable feature of the accident was that the car righted itself, turned round and ran a short distance down the street before the engine stopped. It was driven back to the business part of town by Percy Smith. Apparently the worst damage to the car was a broken wind shield and bursted tire.

SCOONER IS ABANDONED.

Crew of American Vessel Picked Up by Greek Steamer.

Lewes, Del., Dec. 23.—The American schooner Grace Seymour, from New York, October 17, for Rouen, France, with a cargo of oil in barrels, was abandoned on December 4, about 180 miles west of the Irish coast, according to a report made by the Greek steamer Iossifoglu, which landed Captain Pennewell and six members of the schooner's crew here today. The cew left for Philadelphia on an afternoon train.

Particulars of the abandonment of the schooner were not obtainable here. The Iossifoglu, which sailed from Rotterdam November 29 for the Delaware breakwater, received orders to proceed to New York and immediately steamed north.

EXPECT END OF WAR SOON.

Germans in Russian Detention Camps Name February as Date.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 23.—That the several thousand German prisoners of war who are being held in detention camps in Siberia by the Russians believe the European war will end some time during the first of spring, is evidenced in a letter which a well known German of this city has received from a nephew who is among the prisoners.

This young man, who was captured several months ago, tells his uncle that it is the universal opinion of his countrymen who are being held in the camp, that the war will end during the latter part of February and that they are confidently expecting this.

ROTH LEGS AMPUTATED.

Norfolk Southern Section Foreman Run Over by Train.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 23.—While attempting to cross the Norfolk Southern Railway track at Askin shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, W. C. Coward, of Kinston, trestle foreman for the Norfolk Southern, fell in front of an incoming passenger train and was so badly injured that his recovery is doubtful.

As soon as possible the injured man was placed on the train and rushed to Newbern and placed in Fairview hospital. There an examination of his injuries showed that both legs were so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate them.

GOES TO NEW YORK TIMES.

Chas. W. Knapp, of St. Louis, Becomes Treasurer of Company.

New York, Dec. 23.—Announcement that Charles W. Knapp, publisher of the St. Louis Republic, will become associated with the management of the New York Times in the capacity of treasurer of the company, was made today by Adolph S. Ochs, the publisher.

Mr. Knapp has been in the service of the Republic, of which his father, Col. John Knapp, was one of the owners, since 1867. He became president and publisher in 1887. He was one of the organizers of the Associated Press of which he is a director, and of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Giving Up All To Follow Israelites

WILSON COUNTY WELL-TO-DO FARMER JOINS COLONY IN MICHIGAN—OTHERS FROM THAT SECTION MAY GO.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 23.—Infatuated with the teachings of the apostles of what is called the Israelite faith, willing to give up everything and devote their lives to the work of propagating the faith, Mr. Joshua Haynes, with his sons and their wives, is preparing to start for the headquarters of the Israelite colony in Michigan. Mr. Haynes will sell his farm, stock and everything he has in the world and the proceeds will be turned over to the head of the religious sect, then in return Mr. Haynes is to receive a bible and start out without money and without script.

Some months ago several peculiar looking men, marked with long beards and hair rolling upon their shoulders, came to this section. On the street corners and out in the country these men preached the doctrines of their faith—called the Israelite faith. Quite a number of converts were made, usually among the more ignorant class, but lately their work has been more successful and the Haynes family has given the work quite an impetus. For several weeks Mr. Haynes has been contemplating the step he is now taking, but members of his family objected—now they are agreed and will go with him. He is a fairly well-to-do farmer, highly respected among his neighbors, and they are at a loss to account for the action of Mr. Haynes.

Other converts are considering the same step. They are obliged to turn over to the head officials of the sect everything they possess, take Bibles and other literature and start out on missionary tours. They are also to go unshaven and with uncut hair, the long hair and beard being requisite to a position of leadership.

It is reported that quite a number of families are now preparing to move to the Michigan colony from other nearby counties and that the converts number several hundred.

N. C. POSTOFFICES ADVANCED.

Tar Heels in Washington Coming Home for Holidays.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The following fourth class postoffices will be advanced to the Presidential class, effective January next: Bethel, Boone, Burnsville and Waxhaw. The salary of the postmasters at each of these places, except Burnsville, will be $1,100 a year. Burnsville will get only $1,000 as a starter.

Civil service examination for an assistant postmaster at Fayetteville will be held in that city the early part of January.

Arthur E. Bridgers has been appointed postmaster at Boiling Springs, a new office, and Arthur W. Hampton at Water Lilly.

Cortez L. Wright, one of Senator Simmons' secretaries, left here today to spend the holidays with relatives at Oxford.

Charles H. Martin, secretary to Senator Overman, left for Wake Forest to visit his mother, and John D. Brown, confidential clerk to Senator Overman, left for Salisbury. P. R. A.

AND 80 PER CENT GIRLS.

Epidemic of New Babies in Newbern Past Few Weeks.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 23.—Recently compiled statistics show that during the past six months, 80 per cent of the babies born in Newbern have been girls and this has led to considerable speculation as to why this is the case.

There has been a perfect epidemic of births during the past two months and in consequence the population of this city has been greatly increased, especially the feminine population.

BRIDE 16; GROOM 45.

Marriage of Interest at Magnolia This Week.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 23.—Miss Annie Blanton was quietly married to Mr. C. C. West last night at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Ed Blanton. The bride is 16 years old and the groom, who has been married once before, is 45 years old. Mr. West is a successful farmer and they will make their home on his farm about one mile south of this place. Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated.

To prevent rubber hose from cracking while dry, an inventor has patented a reel that keeps it filled with compressed air.

The Castles.

In "The Whirl of Life," Victoria, today and tomorrow. (Advertisement.)

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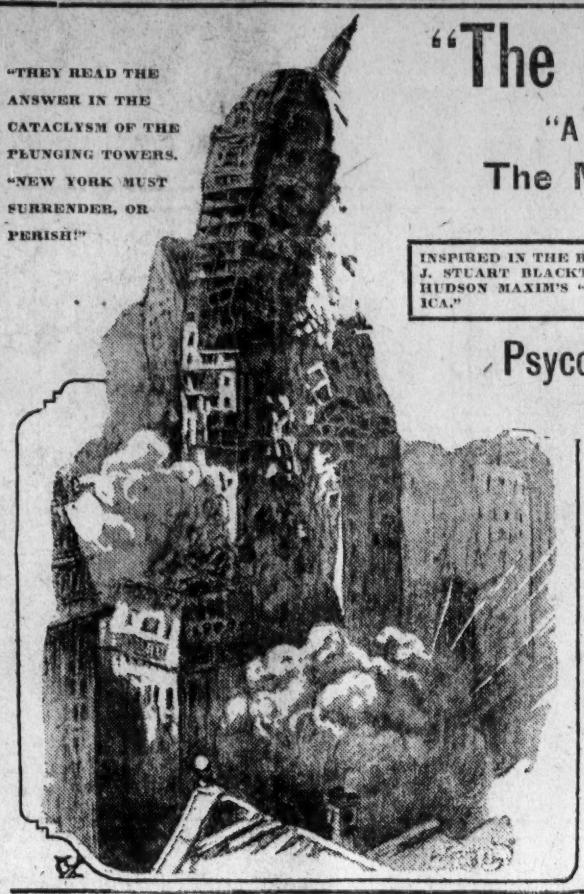

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HARDLY MORE THAN 200 CONVICTS GET BENEFIT

According to Calculations of Raleigh Authorities.

Orchard Company Chartered—Major Graham Has Grandson in Argentina—Supreme Court Files Final Batch Opinions.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—The scope and effect of the order by Governor Craig authorizing the authorities of the State and county prisons and convict camps to release the "trusty" convicts for three days during Christmas week to go to their homes or wherever else they please is a matter of considerable difference of opinion. With no definite figures before him, the Governor thinks that not over 500 convicts will get liberty through this order.

Warden T. P. Sales, of the State's prison, estimates the number at very much less than this. For instance, there are 109 convicts in the central prison at Raleigh, and of this number only one is a "trusty" in the sense that he could be permitted to go alone beyond prison bounds.

In regard to this lone "trusty," it is interesting that he has signified his inability to avail himself of this Christmas holiday trip, for the simple reason that he has neither the money nor the civilian clothes for such as outing.

Warden Sales has no definite figures as to the "trusties" at the State Farm or at the Baden or other State convict camps, but he believes that not more than fifty convicts can be released under the Governor's order.

Hardly More than 200.

There are about 40 counties in the State that maintain their own convict camps, principally for road construction. It is thought that the average number of "trusties" to a county is hardly more than six to ten. Altogether, probably around two hundred may be paroled for this Christmas holiday the State over. This is the view of the best informed prison authorities.

The Carolina Coastal Orchard Company, of Beaufort, N. C., received a charter today with $50,000 authorized and $3,000 subscribed by J. C. Tibbetts, Burlington; Charles A. Spencer, and F. Duncan, of Beaufort. The company will cultivate a specialty of oranges, figs, and lemons.

Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, is displaying with special pride to his friends here a photograph he has just received from Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a 5 1-2 months old grandson, who is pronounced an especially fine specimen of babyhood and a typical Graham. The little fellow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Calvert.

Sentence Commuted.

Joe Sessoms, serving 17 years in the State's prison from Tyrrell county, for second degree murder, receives a commutation of sentence from Governor Craig, reducing his term of service to five years. The Governor explains that the killing resulted from a sudden quarrel and that the fatal cutting was with a small pocket knife. The Governor says there is a general sentiment in Tyrrell county for commutation, which is recommended by Judge Bragaw, who tried the case. The prisoner is only 17 years old.

It develops that the total assessed valuation of real and personal property for Raleigh for 1915 is $13, 708,-273. The real estate values aggregate $10,073,505, and personal property $2,-432,138. Negroes own $617,230 real estate, and something less than $50,000 in personal property. The value of property held by negroes increased about $100,000 during the past year.

Fourteen Appeals Decided.

In connection with the recess taken by the Supreme Court until January 12, there was the disposition of 14 appeals without written opinion. These were made public today. The list follows:

Cohen vs. Stein, Cumberland, affirmed; State vs. Williams, Granville, dismissed; Trust Company vs. Wimbush, Guilford, the court being equally divided, the judgment was affirmed—Chief Justice Clark and Justice Hoke voted to reverse, Justices Allen and Walker voted to affirm and Justice Brown did not sit in this case; Advertising Agency vs. Singleton, Montgomery, affirmed; Luck Bros. vs. Clark, Montgomery, affirmed; Currie vs. Allen, Montgomery, affirmed; Banner vs. Culbert, Avery, affirmed; State vs. Cathey, Buncombe, affirmed; State vs. Fausett, Buncombe, affirmed; Raines vs. Railway, Buncombe, affirmed; Starnes vs. Myers, Buncombe, affirmed; State vs. Rogers, Macon, affirmed; State vs. Stewart, Graham, affirmed; Franklin vs. Lumber Company, affirmed.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Court Adjourns Until January 12—More Christmas Pardons.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court delivered opinions this week in 23 appeals and took a recess to January 12 when the court will re-assemble for the delivery of a final batch of opinions that will terminate the work for the term. The court made a special order to the effect that the clerk shall at once issue all the judgments in the decided cases and issue instanter executions for all unpaid costs.

There was also an order by the court to the effect that the Tenth and Eleventh districts be hereafter separated and that tach district be allowed one week each instead of, as last time, having the appeals for both heard during the same week. The clerk will arrange the districts consecutively in accordance with this order so that the districts argued together during the same week will be the Third and Fourth, the Eighth and Ninth, the Fifteenth and Sixteenth, and the Seventeenth and eighteenth.

The full list of opinions follows:

Grimes vs. Andrews, Pitt, plaintiff's appeal, new trial, defendant's appeal, no error; Yates vs. Yates, Randolph, no error; Cooper vs. Southern Railroad et al., from Cabarrus, no error; Cuthbertson vs. Bank, Avery, affirmed; Hogsed vs. Lumber Company, Transylvania, modified; Makeuem vs. Elder, Buncombe, affirmed; Ewbank vs. Lyman, Buncombe, affirmed; State vs. Beal, Macon, new trial; State vs. Upton, Swain, no error; State vs. Peebles, Haywood, new trial; Cogdill vs. Fibre Company, Jackson, reversed; Hopkins vs. Southern R. R. Company, Haywood, no error; Moody vs. Wike, Jackson, affirmed; Allen et al., vs. Rogers, Jackson, affirmed; Dickey vs. Cooper, Cherokee, affirmed; Evans vs. Brendle, Swain, cause remanded; Martin vs. Rexford, Swain, affirmed; Howard vs. Telegraph Company, Swain new trial; Queen vs. Lumber Company, Haywood, affirmed; Highway Commissioners vs. Construction Company, Macon, reversed; Engine and Thrasher Company, vs. Thomas, Haywood, appeal dismissed; Patterson et al. vs. Board of Commissioners, Swain, affirmed.

Robeson Convicts Pardoned.

Governor Craig granted a second batch of "Christmas Pardons" yesterday. Carson Strickland, Robeson county, is pardoned from the remainder of a six years' sentence for manslaughter imposed in 1912. Judge Peebles recommends the pardon, writing the Governor that there did not appear to have been any malice between the dead man and Strickland and that all were drinking. The man killed was a brother-in-law of the prisoner.

Neill Brown, Robeson county, is pardoned from a six years' sentence imposed in 1912 for larceny. This pardon is recommended by John W. Wood, from whom the goods wert stolen, and the mayor of Rowland, on the ground that the prisoner has been sufficiently punished.

Richard Harris, Granville county, serving 12 months on the roads, is pardoned on account of serious physical conditions, the pardon being recommended by Judge O. H. Allen and others.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EASTERN District of North Carolina, ss.:
In the United States District Court in and for said District — Wilmington Division.
In the matter of T. H. Harrison, trading as Tabor Hardware Company, Tabor, N. C., Bankrupt No. 222 In Bankruptcy. Petition for Discharge.
To the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina:

T. H. Harrison, of Tabor, in the County of Columbus and State of North Carolina, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 16th day of March, 1915, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts payable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are exempted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1915.

THEADORE HASSELL HARRISON, Bankrupt.

Order of Notice Thereon.

Eastern District of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss.:

On this 23rd day of December, 1915, on reading the foregoing petition it is Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 24th day of January, 1916, before Geo. H. Howell, Esq., Special Master of said court, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district, at 12:00 o'clock noon; and that notice thereof be published in Wilmington Star, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place, and show cause if any they have why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further Ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residences as stated.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district, on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1915.

(Seal of Court.)

Attest:

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON PRICES ARE LOWER

Pessimistic View of Export Situation Seemed Largely Responsible. Decline of Four Points.

New York, Dec. 23.—A pessimistic view of the export situation seemed to be largely responsible for an early decline in the cotton market today but after selling off to 12.07 for March contracts, prices steadied on covering with that position closing at 12.14. The general list closed steady, net unchanged to four points lower.

Liverpool was relatively steady and the early news from the South showed no change in the spit situation, but the market here opened barely steady at an advance of two points to a decline of 5 points under scattering liquidation. Liverpool bought January but sold the later deliveries, while there was local or Southern liquidation of the near months and prices soon eased off with active months selling about 9 to 11 points net lower before the end of the morning. This decline carried March off from 12.17 to 12.07; while May sold off from 12.40 to 12.30, or about 20 to 25 points under the high level of the week. Prices then steadied on covering and there were rallies of 7 or 8 points from the lowest during the afternoon. Wall Street houses were among the heavier early sellers and the advance after midday was supposed to reflect rather a firmer technical position. Rumors of easier spot markets were not confirmed and one of the messages received here from New Orleans said that exporters were offering the highest basis for the season. According to local exporters it now costs above four cents per pound to lay down Texas cotton in Liverpool and the selling of May, July and October by houses with English connections here today was accompanied by predictions of a still wider difference between the two markets. A prominent international house estimates the crop of India for 1915-16 at 5,780,000 bales, including the carry-over from last season and home consumption.

Futures closed steady:

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	11.88	11.88	11.78	11.85
March	12.17	12.17	12.07	12.14
May	12.40	12.40	12.30	12.39
July	12.50	12.55	12.43	12.54
October	12.21	12.26	12.18	12.25

Spot quiet; middling uplands 12.05; no sales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT

New Orleans—Middling, 11.69; receipts, 4,405; exports, 5,411; sales, 1,300; stock, 400,861.

Galveston—Middling, 12.10; receipts, 10,511; exports, 500; stock, 355,411.

Mobile—Middling, 11.56; receipts, 715; stock, 29,699.

Savannah—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 2,769; sales, 111; stock, 226,992.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 603; stock, 102,611.

Wilmington—Receipts, 923; stock, 40,487.

Norfolk—Middling, 11.38; receipts, 2,369; sales, 837; stock, 129,414.

Baltimore—Stock, 7,370.

Boston—Middling, 12.10; receipts, 558; stock, 10,700.

Philadelphia—Middling, 12.30; stock, 3,638.

New York—Middling, 12.05; receipts, 85; exports, 3,357; stock, 313,439.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 5,406; exports, 5,406; stock, 56,350.

Total today — Receipts, 28,344; exports, 17,174; stock, 1,677,002.

Total for week—Receipts, 190,459; exports, 97,275.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,923,475; exports, 2,200,972.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 12.05; receipts, 7,590; shipments, 9,961; sales, 4,563; stock, 233,225.

Memphis—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 6,836; shipments, 4,769; sales, 1,100; stock, 342,908.

Augusta — Middling, 11.43; receipts, 1,418; shipments, 21; sales, 892; stock, 210,661.

St. Louis — Middling, 12¼; receipts, 1,924; shipments, 2,410; stock, 15,126.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 727; shipments, 1,415; stock, 20,282.

Little Rock — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 912; shipments, 1,512; sales, 1,512; stock, 45,923

Dallas—Middling, 11.55.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.50; sales, 23.

Total today — Receipts, 19,407; shipments, 20,088; stock, 868,125.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Bearish Statiment Prevailed in Market —Sharp Break.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Bearish sentiment prevailed in the cotton market here today and heavy short selling caused a sharp break around the opening after the market had made an attempt to improve under the influence of higher cables than due. Much bearish comment was caused by the export situation and the statement that no Liverpool room for cotton was available out of this port as far ahead as the February sailing.

On the opening near positions took on a small advance and the list down to July stood at 3 to 6 points over yesterday's close.

A sudden burst of selling flooded the ring with larger offerings than it could absorb and prices slumped 11 to 15 points, landing 8 to 10 points under yesterday's final figures. For a time the market was active but realizing by scalping shorts checked the downward movement and finally brought about a partial recovery.

The market was steadied by the more favorable tone of political news and by reports from the interior of a good demand for spots and continued firmness and indifference to selling on the part of the spot holders. The close was two points up to three down, compared to yesterday's close.

Closed steady: Closing bid, January 11.67; March 12.03; May 12.30; July 12.48; October 12.14.

Spot cotton steady, unchanged. Sales on the spot 700, to arrive 600.

Middling 11.69.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Hogs, weak, lower; bulk 5.85 to 6.40; light 5.50 to 6.20; mixed 4.45 to 6.25; heavy 6.00 to 6.50; rough 6.00 to 6.15; pigs 4.25 to 5.25.

Cattle—Firm; native beef steers 6.00 to 10.00, cows and heifers 2.85 to 8.45; calves 6.25 to 9.65.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 6.35 to 6.85; ewes 4.25 to 6.25; lambs 7.00 to 9.60.

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(advertisement.)

HIGHER PRICES FOR WHEAT

Increased Foreign Demand Stimulates New Record Prices for 1915 Crop—Corn Higher.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Increased foreign demand stimulated buying of wheat today, and carried the market to the highest prices yet on the 1915 crop. The close was very nervous to ⅝c. advance, and December at 1.24⅝ and May at 1.25⅝. Corn wound up with a gain of ⅞ to ⅞@⅞, and oats off ⅛@⅜ to ⅜. In provisions, the outcome ranged from 2½c. decline to a rise of 15@17.

Grain and provisions close:

Wheat—December, 1.24⅝; May, 1.25⅝.

Corn—December, 71½; May, 75.

Oats—December, 42½; May, 45⅜.

Pork—January, 18.35; May, 18.50.

Lard—January, 9.57; May, 9.87.

Ribs—January, 9.80; May, 10.15.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.23½@1.24; No. 3, red, 1.05@1.08; No. 2, hard, 1.22¼@1.25; No. 3, hard, 1.15½@1.19¾.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 75; No. 4, yellow, new, 68@69½; No. 4, white, new, 67.

MARINE.

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Str. Bantu, 2,661 tons, Dunfay, Mejillones, Chile, Heide & Co.

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Str. Kell (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Bantu, 2,661 tons, Dunfay, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.10; small, $4.95.

TAR—$2.10-8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 42. Rosin, $3.15. Tar, $2.00-8½c. Crude turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 7
Rosin 190
Tar 132
Crude Turpentine 9

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 3 casks; rosin, 2 barrels; tar, 344 barrels; crude turpentine, 19 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11¼c. Quotations same day last year, 7⅛c.

Receipts—864 bales; same day last year, 1,848 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 135,887 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 92,309 bales

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, Dec. 23.

Atlantic Coast Line—845 bales cotton; 14 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—19 bales cotton.

Str. Thelma—38 barrels tar.

Str. Luray—34 barrels tar.

Worth J—1 barrel rosin; 36 barrels tar.

A. P. Hurt—106 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

Addie May—6 casks spirits turpentine; 48 barrels rosin; 34 barrels tar

Total—864 bales cotton; 7 casks spirits turpentine; 190 barrels rosin; 132 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 23.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEONUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec 23.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 23.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mercantile paper 3 to 3 1-4; sterling, 60 day bills 4.68 3-4; demand 4.72 3-4; cables 4.73 5-8. Bar silver 54. Mexican dollars 41 3-4. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds irregular. Time loans weaker, 60 days 2 1-4 to 2 1-2; 90 days 2 1-2 to 2 3-4; six months 2 3-4 to 3. Call money steady; ruling rate 2 per cent.

RAILROAD SHARES BROADER

Otherwise Stock Market Developed no New Features—Metals and Oils Move Forward.

New York, Dec. 23.—Apart from a broader inquiry for leading railway shares which was sufficiently insistent to suggest investment demand, today's market developed no new features of especial interest. Metal and oil stocks continue to move forward subject to occasional reversals on realizing for profits. Mexican Petroleum rose 4 1-8 points to the new high price of 106 7-8 and most of the coppers were a point or more over yesterday's final quotations.

War shares and kindred descriptions, notably American Can, American and Baldwin Locomotives, Pressed Steel Car and Republican Iron and Steel registered similar advance while securities such as Allis Chalmers preferred, Distillers' securities and United States Industrial Alcohol gains ranged from 3 to 7 points. United States Steel showed marked strength after an early period of vacillation, making an extreme gain of 7-8 to 86 7-8, its best price in over a week on extensive trading which embraced one block of 5,000 shares. Bethlehem Steel was more lethargi cthan usual, falling 5 to 465, but closing at 472. Most of the Automobile issues were lower. General Motors making an extreme decline of 43 to 456, but rtrieving part of this loss. Pressure was exerted against Fertilizers and some of the minor specialties.

New York Central was the most conspicuous feature of the railways, heavy dealings advancing the stock 1 3-4 to 107 1-2, its record price since 1913. Othir prominent shares of the same class included Norfolk and Western, Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, St. Paul and the trans-continentals, the latter deriving additional impetus from Southern Pacific's record-breaking statement for November, disclosing a nt gain in earnings of $1,-986,000. Unwonted activity was shown by minor rails such as Lake Erie and Western New York, Chicago and St. Louis, and Minneapolis and St. Louis, but Erles were heavy until the final hour when rails dominated the entire list and resulted in a strong close. Anglo-French fives were more lightly dealt in, the low quotation of 94 5-8 being a shade under the rcnt minimum. Bonds in general were irregular. Total sales, par value, aggregated $4,910,000. Unitd States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	32
American Beet Sugar	69½
American Can	60⅝
American Car and Foundry	77⅞
American Cotton Oil	54½
American Locomotive	69⅜
American Smelting	105¼
American Sugar	116¼
American Tel. and Tel	128½
American Tobacco	200⅞
Anaconda Copper	39½
Atchison	106½
Atlantic Coast Line	113
Baldwin Locomotive	117¾
Baltimore and Ohio	93⅜
Bethlehem Steel	472
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87½
Canadian Pacific	181
Central Leather	53½
Chesapeake and Ohio	63
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	92¼
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	16⅝
Consolidated Gas	145¼
Crucible Steel	73¾
Erie	42 1-4
General Electric	173⅝
Great Northern, pfd	126
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	49
Illinois Central	107
Interborough Consol. Corp	21⅜
Kansas City Southern	31½
Lehigh Valley	82¼
Louisville and Nashville	128
Liggett and Myers	245
Lorillard Co	180
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd .	15¾
Missouri Pacific	4
Mexican Petroleum	105½
National Lead	66⅛
New York Central	107½
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	75¼
Norfolk and Western	122⅛
Northern Pacific	117⅛
Pennsylvania	59
Reading	82⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	55
Seaboard Air Line	18
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron . .	62
Studebaker Corporation	167⅜
Southern Pacific	102½
Southern Railway	23
Southern Railway, pfd	62
Tennessee Copper	60
Texas Co	230
Texas and Pacific	14½
Union Pacific	138⅛
United States Rubber	54⅜
United States Steel	86¼
United States Steel, pfd	116⅜
Utah Copper	80½
Virginia-Caro Chem	47⅞
Va. Iron, Coal and Coke	62
Wabash, pfd., "B" Ctfs.	29⅛
Western Union	87
Westinghouse Electric	69
United Fruit, ex. div	147¾

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Spot cotton easier; good middling 7.96; middling 7.63; low middling 7.19. Sales 8,000; for speculation and export 800; receipts 6,000.

Futures, near months quiet, distant steady. December 7.44; December and January 7.42 1-2; January and February 7.41; February and March 7.38 1-2; March and April 7.36; April and May 7.31; May and June 7.26 1-2; June and July 7.23; July and August 7.19; August and September 7.04; September and October 6.37 1-2; October and November 6.32 1-2.

PRESIDENT INAUGURATED.

New Executive of the Republic of Chile Formally Takes Office.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 23.—The new president of the republic, Juan Luis San Fuentes, was inaugurated today with solemn ceremonies in the presence of the congress. Diplomatic representatives, military and civil authorities and a great throng of people were in attendance. After the ceremonies the entire assemblage attended a Te Deum in the Cathedral.

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THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 24, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 30 degrees; at 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.56 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 6.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair Friday; Saturday partly cloudy, probably rain.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 23, 1915.

Sun rises .. .. 7:15 A. M.
Sun sets .. .. 5:09 P. M.
Day's length .. .. 9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	11:47	11:57	6:46	7:28
Southport	9:36	9:50	3:30	4:10
Masonboro Inl	9:25	9:39	3:10	3:50

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 23, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 7 p. m.
Abilene . .pt cldy	70	46	.0	
Asheville . .clear	58	24	0	
Atlanta. . .clear	62	38	.0	
Augusta . . clear	64	30	.0	
Baltimore pt cldy	44	—	.0	
Birmingh. . clear	66	42	.0	
Boston . . . rain	44	32	.20	
Charleston. .clear	58	34	.0	
Charlotte . .clear	58	34	.0	
Chicago . .pt cldy	40	38	.0	
Galveston . .clear	68	60	.0	
Jacksonv . .clear	66	42	.0	
Memphis. . .clear	60	48	.0	
Mobile. . . cldy	58	50	.0	
Montgom'y . clear	68	42	.0	
New Orl. . clear	74	50	.0	
New York . cldy	48	36	.0	
Oklahoma . clear	58	40	.0	
Palestine . .clear	68	48	.0	
Pittsburg . .cldy	48	38	.0	
Raleigh. . .clear	56	32	.0	
Savannah . . clear	62	38	.0	
Shreveport. .clear	70	48	0	
St. Louis . .cldy	52	44	.0	
Washing'n . rain	50	26	.0	

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23. — Cotton seed oil suffered a net decline of 9 to 20 points under liquidation in nearby deliveries and selling by refiners and the South. Shorts were best buyers on the decline. Sales, 23,600 barrels.

Closed weak. Spot, 8.30 bid. January, 8.31@8.33; February, 8.30@8.33; March, 8.30@8.32; April, 9.32@8.35; May, 8.41@8.42; June, 8.43@8.45; July, 8.50@8.51; December, 8.30@8.35.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 23.—Turpentine firm, 51 to 51 1-4; sales 361; receipts 265; shipments 99; stock 14,893.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,412; receipts 1,-873; shipments 628; stock 74,783. Quote: A B C D E, 5.20; F, 5.20 to 5.30; G H, 5.25 to 5.30; I, 5.25 to 5.40; K, 5.80 to 5.90; M, 6.20; N, 6.75; WG, 7.00; WW, 7.25.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 23. — Raw sugar, easy; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.89; molasses, 4.12; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7⅝; Santos, No. 4, 9c.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Firm.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—Cotton goods and yarns were firm today, with sales moderate and steady Raw silk was easier. Dress goods were in steady demand. Men's wear was firm.

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Lv. Whiteville .. .. 7:35 A. M.
Lv. Lake Waccamaw .. .. 7:57 A. M.
Lv. Bolton .. .. 8:12 A. M.
Ar. WILMINGTON .. .. 9:15 A. M.

Returning.

Lv. WILMINGTON .. .. 6:20 P. M.
Ar. CHADBOURN .. .. 8:15 P. M.

December 23, 24 and 25:

Lv. GOLDSBORO .. .. 10:25 P. M.
Lv. Mount Olive .. .. 11:01 P. M.
Lv. Warsaw .. .. 11:23 P. M.
Lv. Rose Hill .. .. 11:47 P. M.
Lv. Burgaw .. .. 12:27 A. M.
Ar. WILMINGTON .. .. 1:15 Night

Returning Dec. 24, 25 and 27.

Lv. WILMINGTON .. .. 3:40 A. M.
Ar. GOLDSBORO .. .. 6:38 A. M.

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DEPARTURES.	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 60. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 63. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 61. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 58. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 89. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 41. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
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1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess Streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

a—Daily except Sundays.
b—Sundays only.
c—Superseded by half hour cars Sunday afternoons.
d—Goes through to Seagate; returning, leaves Seagate at 3:00 P. M.
e—Does not go beyond

EXEMPTION ONLY FOR THE CUBS AND BROWNS

Other Clubs Restricted as to Number of Players.

These Two Clubs Exempt From Limit Agreement Because Each Has Taken Over One of the Federal League Clubs.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The Chicago Nationals and the St. Louis Americans are exempt until the year 1917 from that provision under which organized baseball is working limiting the number of players of each team on the 20th of May of each year.

This is part of the baseball peace agreement signed here last night, according to August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission. Mr. Herrmann made this announcement tonight when told that Harry Sinclair, one of the Federal League peace conferees, had stated that there would be no player limit in baseball next year.

In the National League the number of players limited to a team is 21, while in the American League the limit is twenty-five.

"Owing to the combination and amalgamation of two clubs in the Federal League to a club in the National and one in the American League we considered it unjust to ask these clubs to dispose of what would naturally be considered a large number of players," said Mr. Herrmann.

"I cannot say accurately," Mr. Herrmann added, "but I estimate that with the Chicago Cubs absorbing the Chicago Federals and the St. Louis Browns taking in the St. Louis Federals, each of these clubs will have close to 50 players at the present time.

"It would be unjust to ask them to dispose of such a large number as would be necessary in order to cut down to the limit, under which organized baseball is now working. Therefore we gave them until 1917 to dispose of the surplus players."

When asked if any or all clubs in the major league would be exempt from the limit or the rule would be abrogated until 1919 Mr. Herrmann said, "Absolutely no."

CONTROLS THREE CLUBS

Sinclair Also Holds Contracts for Kauff, Magee and Anderson.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—"I have the disposition of the Kansas City, Buffalo and Newark Federal League players and I hold the contracts of Benny Kauff, Lee Magee and George Anderson, all of the Brooklyn Federals."

This statement was made tonight by Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, of Tulsa, Okla., andretiring baseball promoter.

"Yo ucan say," said Mr. Sinclair, "that the owner of the Cincinnati Nations yesterday offered me $5,000 for pitcher Moseley of Newark and that the owner of another National League club offered me $15,000 for Magee. Moseley will go to Cincinnati as soon I get the $5,000. Magee, however, is worth much more money than $15,000 in my estimation and he will not go for that figure. These two offers are in answer to the published report that the National League owners have agreed not to take any Federal League players."

Sinclair said the deal whereby the St. Louis Americans will go to Phil Ball and Otto F. Ttifel, owners of the local Federals, had been closed. Sinclair tonight departed for Tulsa and said he would return to New York after the holidays to winds up other matters involved in the peace agreement signed to Cincinnati yesterday.

AMERICAN SECURITIES BEING BROUGHT HOME

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French war loan had been virtually absorbed here, this bringing the total of securities taken from foreign sources to at least $2,000,000,000.

Prominent bankers stated that almost every steamer arriving here for several months has brought from $10,000,000 to $12,000,000 worth of American securities. Also it is known that since the British chancellor of the exchequer issued the securities "mobilization" order, a great volume of American stocks and bonds have been sold in this market by Britons.

One of the largest individual absorptions was announced today by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in the purchase in France of 250,000,000 francs ($50,000,000) 6 per cent. bonds of the Central Pacific.

An issue of Pennsylvania railroad bonds, totalling about $30,000,000, which also was made in francs, was purchased by an American banking house recently for conversion into $1,000 denomination and sale in the home market.

While this absorption has sent a large amount of gold abroad, the outflow has been largely offset by economic developments. The dividends and interest on the issues formerly foreign owned will now remain in this country. This phase of the matter was considered highly important by experts.

SUPPORTS GENERAL BOARD PROGRAMME

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programme in cost, approaching $500,000,000.

Secretary Daniels thinks the administration's plan of four capital ships the first year, two dreadnaughts and two battle cruisers, would tax the building capacity of the nation to the limit. This was one of the important factors considered, he said tonight, in arriving at the figures to be presented to Congress. At present only five private yards and one navy yard are equipped for battleship construction, although it is planned to add another navy yard to the list this year and probably three others in the near future.

Councilman Bunting Injured.

Councilman Louis M. Bunting had the misfortune to fall and break his collar bone Wednesday night when his foot slipped as he started to jump across a pile of snow and slush at the corner of Second and Grace streets. Mr. Bunting while suffering a number of painful bruises did not consider his injuries serious and went to his home, No. 405 North Second street It was not until yesterday morning that he learned after calling in a physician that his collar bone was broken. He was resting comfortably yesterday and will be able to be out in two or three days.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN WATERWAYS PLANNED

North Carolina Has Big Part in Proposed Bill.

New Projects Which House Rivers and Harbors Committee Will Pass Upon Aggregate an Expense of About $120,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Despite pleas of party leaders for economy, Chairman Sparkman, of the House rivers and harbors committee, is planning to report a general waterways bill and there was talk today of the intention of the House public buildings committee to report an omnibus building bill. When the rivers and harbors committee meets in January to determine its course, there will be up for consideration favorable reports of the army engineers on new projects aggregating about $120,000,000.

Among the projects favorably reported on by the War Department are the following:

Norfolk harbor, $1,114,000.
Nansemond river, Virgina, $4,500.
Hampton creek, Virginia, $27,000.
Tangier channel, Virginia, $16,434.
Oyster channel, Virgina, $11,250.
Locklies creek, Virginia, $4,100.
Occoquan creek, Virginia, $43,000.
Scuppernong river, North Carolina, $31,800.
Northeast Cape Fear river, North Carolina, $25,375.
Bennett river, North Carolina, $6,000.
Deep creek, North Carolina, $5,400.
Wambegun creek, North Carolina, $5,000.
Manteo Bay, North Carolina, $28,000.
Pembroke creek, North Carolina, $10,000.
Thoroughfare Bay, North Carolina, $5,200.
Beaufort harbor, North Carolina, $15,900.
Cape channel and approaches, North Carolina, $17,900.
Lumber river, North Carolina and South Carolina, $10,000.
Jeremy creek, South Carolina, $5,000.
Santee river, South Carolina, $10,000.
Congaree river, South Carolina, $100,000.
Cooper river, South Carolina, $14,000.
Charleston harbor, South Carolina, $140,000.
Waterway—Columbia and Camden to Charleston, $430,000.
Waterway—Orangeburg to Charleston, $35,000.
Waterway—Charleston to Savannah, $100,000.

MR. WILSON MINGLES HIS WORK WITH PLAY

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ican ambassadors at the capitals of belligerent powers. The President and Colonel House, however, are in constant communication by letter and telegraph.

The President has directed that congratulations on his wedding sent by rulers of foreign countries be acknowledged through the State Department, and he is supervising personally the answering of similar messages from American diplomats abroad, officials in this country and personal friends.

The principal celebration of Christmas here will be held tomorrow night, and the President and Mrs. Wilson have been urgently invited to participate. Invitations to take tea with one of the cottagers were declined today.

For the first time since their arrival the President and his wife played golf today. They went on the course while many of the other guests were having lunch, and on their return to the hotel found practically all of the winter colony gathered on the lawns to greet them. They had played fourteen holes, with two secret service men acting as caddies. The caddies insisted that no score was kept. Mrs. Wilson is a beginner on the links, but under the coaching of the President is rapidly improving her game.

Late in the afternoon the couple took an hour's automobile ride to points of historic interest in the vicinity, returning after dark and just in time for dinner.

JAPANESE LINER WAS NOT GIVEN WARNING

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them, and is arranging to forward them to their destinations. On the passenger list were 51 men, 54 women and 15 children, most of whom were British subjects. The agents in their report say further:

"The passengers express great admiration for the skill of the captain and officers and for the discipline of the crew. Perfect order was maintained during the embarkation which was carried out with the greatest promptitude."

NEWS REACHES TOKIO

Sinking of Steamer Yasaka Maru Causes Great Excitement.

Tokio, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yasaka Maru reached Tokio today and caused great excitement. The advices received here say the steamship was sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

POLAND THE SCENE OF HUNGER AND PRIVATION

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soon the majority will not be alive when spring comes.

"Money is not needed for there is no food or clothing to be purchased. I am going to urge my committee to bring every possible pressure to bear to induce the British to relax their blockade sufficiently to allow at least 25,000 tons of supplies to go into Poland each month. I have assurances that the Germans will do what they can to assist in its distribution."

New York, Dec. 23.—Thomas A. Edison at today's meeting of the naval consulting board at the Brooklyn navy yard, offered to furnish the board with plans and specifications for a laboratory of physical research to cost $1,400,000, to be used in the development of naval inventions.

Suburban Schedule Today.

Cars ever yhalf hour from 2 to 10 p. m. Tomorrow cars to beach every half hour, 2 to 5 p. m.
(Advertisement.)

NEW HAVEN COUNSEL ENDS ARGUMENT FOR DISMISSAL.

Judge Hunt is Expected to Give His Decision Tuesday.

New York, Dec. 23.—Counsel for the defense at the trial of the 11 former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, charged with criminal conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law, finished today what was said to be the longest argument for the dismissal of an indictment in the history of the local Federal court. It commenced last Monday.

The answer of government counsel was begun at its conclusion and will continue tomorrow. Court will adjourn at noon until Tuesday next, when it is expected Judge Hunt will give his decision.

During the four days of legal oratory special pleas for the direction of separate verdicts of acquittal have been made in behalf of each of the eleven defendants with one exception. That exception was William Rockefeller.

CHEVROLET MOTOR COMPANY TO CONTROL GENERAL MOTORS

Stockholders Vote to Increase Capital From $20,000,000 to $80,000,000.

New York, Dec. 23.—Stockholders of the Chevrolet Motor Company today authorized an increase of the capital stock from $20,000,000 to $80,000,000 and empowered the directors to exchange Chevrolet shares for General Motors shares on a basis of five of Chevrolet for one of General Motors.

It is known that certain banking interests of this city and Boston, which financed the General Motors Company a few years ago, are opposed to control by the Chevrolet, but they were outvoted at today's meeting, the Chevrolet interests voting in person and by proxy 185,000 shares of a total of 200,000.

JEFFERSON LODGE SUPPER

Knights of Pythias Enjoyed Christmas Repast Last Evening.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, Knights of Pythias, gave a Christmas dinner to its members last evening, and although it was an informal affair, the occasion was one truly illustrating the concrete meaning of friendship. In addition to the epicurean feature, the true spirit of Pythian brotherhood was manifest in the genial cordialiy of the Knights in their association and intermingling as a band of earnest brothers.

The members, who could be present, assembled at Pythian Hall, on Princess street, at 8 p. m., and after an hour of social intercourse in the parlor, repaired to the Dixie Cafe where dinner was served. The menu was a choice one and the courses were served in the satisfactory manner that characterizes the service of the Messrs. Xanthos and Coronides. The Knights exceedingly enjoyed the hour at dinner, after which they exchanged the greetings of the season and left for their homes.

ANOTHER REPORT CONFLICTS.

Says Mr. Ford Has Gone to Stockholm. Other Members Leave Later.

Christiania, via London, Dec. 23.—Henry Ford, who has been sick during his stay here and unable to attend the meetings of the peace mission, left this morning on the regular train for Stockholm. The othee members of the party left later on a special train, with the exception of Governor L. B. Hanna, of North Dakota, who proceeded to Copenhagen.

The invitation to Norwegian friends of peace to join the party has met with no response. The Christiania papers express doubt that a representative Norwegian would accept the invitation. The press and public are unanimous in giving praise to Mr. Ford for his good will and high idealism. The newspapers call him "a most congenial gentleman" but regret that he has not consulted experts on international law.

The general opinion voiced here is that the mission will do little toward promoting peace negotiations.

WARSAW NEWS NOTES

School and Tobacco Market Closed for Holidays—Entertainment.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 23.—Warsaw graded school closed today for the Christmas holidays. Work will be resumed on January 3.

The Warsaw tobacco market has closed until after the Christmas holidays. It will re-open on January 3.

The Dramatic Club of the school will present the play, "A Poor Married Man," in the school auditorium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. There is a strong cast of characters, and the play is a good one. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

The Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the church Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Miss Margaret Best, who recently underwent an operation at a hospital in Raleigh for appendicitis, has recovered from its effects and is getting on nicely at her home here.

NO INCREASE IN RATES ON BERRIES AND VEGETABLES

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides Against Railroads.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today refused to grant the demands of the railroads operating in North Carolina and Virginia to increase the rates on berries, fruits and vegetables from North Carolina and Virginia points to New York and other Eastern markets.

The railroads about six months ago submitted a schedule of rates which proposed to make certain increases in the rates on these commodities. The shippers protested and today's decision puts the old rates into effect.

E. H. Anderson and bride, of Greensboro, are here spending their honeymoon. Other visitors, M. C. Bridgers, of Kenley, and J. L. Fry and wife, of Greensboro. P. R. A.

POLITICIANS BARRED AS RESERVE BANK DIRECTORS.

Reserve Board Passes Resolution Making Them Ineligible for Election.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Public officeholders and members of political party committees are made ineligible for election as officers or directors of Federal Reserve banks by a resolution adopted unanimously today by the Federal Reserve Board. The resolution which was offered by Secretary McAdoo also informs member banks of the reserve system that in the opinion of the board such persons henceforward should not act as officials or directors of reserve banks.

The action of the board is understood to have been taken without extended discussion, the resolution being offered during the election of Class C directors of reserve banks, a task that was not completed when the session ended. Later it was said that the action was not aimed particularly at any candidate or at any director or officer now serving.

WILL NOT PERMIT HOSPITAL SUPPLIES TO GO TO GERMANY

State Department Has Made Representations to Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Great Britain has suspended the issuance of permits for shipment of hospital supplies of any description from the United States to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. This became known tonight and at the same time it was learned that the State Department at the instance of the American Red Cross, had made representations to the London foreign office, seeking withdrawal or modification of the new order.

Large consignments collected at New York by the Red Cross for shipment to the Central Powers are being held in storage. This situation will be considered at the meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross in New York tomorrow, as the entire programme of the society for relief work in Europe will be affected if Great Britain refuses to change her attitude.

MR. JESSE MAREADY DEAD

Young Man of Duplin County Dies at Rocky Mount—Funeral.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N .C., Dec. 23.—The remains of Mr. Jesse Maready were brought down from Rocky Mount where he died after an operation for appendicitis Thursday morning, and were interred in the cemetery Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was the son of Mr. Tom Maready and resided three miles from Warsaw. He was onl ytwenty-five years of age, and a young man of fine character. The deceased is survived by his father and several brothers and sisters.

SCHOONER'S CREW ARRESTED.

In Connection With Death of Another Member of Crew on High Seas.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23.—The crew of the American schooner Mark Pendleton, which arrived here today, was arrested on charges growing out of the killing of Thomas Brown, a member of the crew, while the vessel was on the high seas. The arrests were made by United States Marshal Brown, who on instructions of the Department of Justice at Washington, had officers stationed for several days at Mayport at the entrance of St. Johns river waiting for the arrival of the schooner.

The Mark Pendleton sailed from Norfolk for Fayal, the Azores, September 8. She left St. Michael, the Azores, on November 1 for Mayport and was due here December 1.

A street railway in a hilly section of Rome lubricates its rails with running water.

A collapsible stove pipe with a heat-insulating jacket has been invented for campers.

Deep cultivation with the aid of dynamite is being tried on tea plantations in India.

Cars Every Half Hour.

from 2 to 10 p. m. on Suburban line today. Tomorrow cars to beach every half hour from 2 to 5 p. m.
(Advertisement.)

CONKEY SAYS:—

DON'T WORRY — CONKEY'S POULTRY TONIC helps your hens pay their way. Contains no cayenne pepper or filler—just pure, active, helpful medicines. Get a pail. Dealers Everywhere.

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LOST — CAMEO BROOCH, BETWEEN 7th and Dock, down town, Grand Theatre, Front and Nun to 7th and Orange streets. Reward if returned to 110 South 7th street. de24-1t*

MR. FARMER — SELL US YOUR peas. V. B. Sharpe, Maxton, N. C. de24-f,su,w-30t

PIGEONS — GIVE YOUR BOY A PAIR of Brown Carneaux pigeons for his Christmas gift. 'Phone 1123 or 488-3. de24-1t*

DOES YOUR ROOF LEAK? IF SO, call 'phone 431. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanking you for your past patronage and soliciting your future work. W. B. Klander, 22 South Second street. de24-tf

WILL RENT MACHINES — SPECIAL for inventory work. Burroughs Adding Machine Co., 20 Princess street. de24-1t*

BLOOMING PLANTS AND FERNS. Galax and holly wreaths, 50 cents each. Fern dishes filled. 'Phone 779-W. 416 South Second street. de24-1t*

FOUND — AT BOOKKEEPER'S WINdow in American Bank and Trust Co., a pair of eye glasses. Call and identify. de24-1t

WANTED — TO RENT OR LEASE, small house and several acres of land within four miles of the city. I Savage, 1203 North Fourth street. de24-1t*

FINE CORNED HAMS AND SHOULders. All pork sausage. Fine sweet potatoes; also full line of fancy and staple groceries. R. B. Moore, 3rd and Castle streets. 'Phone 1888. de24-1t*

WOOD FOR SALE — NICE DRY PINE, sawed and split stove sizes. Big load delivered for $1.00. Mixed with oak, $1.25; all oak, $1.35. 'Phone 1914. de24-1t*

18 CENTS, ORANGES, ORANGES, ORanges, 18 cents dozen. Extra fancy dressed chickens, choice beef, veal and pork. Nice apples, 40 cents peck. Oysters, full supply fresh in. Fancy celery, lettuce and spinach. Florida tomatoes. 'Phone us or come and see. Batson's Meat Market. 'Phone No. 72. 115 Market street. se24-tf

JUST RECEIVED, WALNUTS, ALMonds, Brazil and Pecan Nuts. Also shelled nuts, citron, dates, bunch raisins and mince meat; oranges, apples, and bananas, at C. H. Bornemann's. 'Phone 853. de24-1t*

LARGE, FRESH EGGS, 3 DOZEN, $1.00. Catawba Creamery Butter, 35c. lb.; Corned Hams, 20c. lb.; Grape Juce, 45c. quart; Peaches, 10c. lb., at C. H. Bornemann's; 'Phone 853. de24-1t*

FIREWORKS AND TOYS — DOLLS, Baby Carriages, Rocking Horses, Velocipedes, Wagons, Drums, and lots of other Novelties, at C. H. Bornemann's store, 7th and Orange streets. de24-1t*

HOLLY WREATHS — NATURAL PREserverd Fireproof Holly Wreaths. Foliage green, with red berries; some with glittering snow effect; 15-inch wreath, 75 cents; 24-inch wreath, $1.50, at C. H. Bornemann's. 'Phone 853. de24-1t*

SOMETHING NEW AGAIN IN ADDItion to our full line of delicacies. Halibut Steak, Finnan Haddie, Roast Pork, Blood Pudding, at May Bros.' 24 North Front street. 'Phone 1322. The only Real Delicatessen. de24-tf

OUR OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ALL day for payment of dues to Carolina B. and L. Ass'n. L. W. Moore, secretary; 123 Princess. de24-1t

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE TODAY — Cars leave every half hour from 2 to 10 P. M. Tomorrow cars to beach every half hour, from 2 to 5 P. M. de24-1t

"OLD AND STRONG" — MECHANICS' Home Association is over 25 years old and over $240,000.00 strong. New Series B. and L. stock January, 1916. A good investment. A good way to save money. Walker Taylor, President; W. M. Cumming, Secretary. Office, 208 Princess street. de23-3t

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